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### **26TH HAS PIVOTAL** POINT IN ATTACK ON MARNE SALIENT

Chemin des Dames Veterans in Sector Northwest of Chateau-Thierry

SHARE IN JULY 18 STROKE

Given Difficult Task Before Path Opened for Straightaway Push Against Stubborn Enemy

To have been first of the American divisions not of the regular Army to participate in a great offensive, and to have taken part in every American offensive after that until the end—such is the proud record, of the 26th, the Yankee Division, which went forward to the memorable attack of July 18 in the section northwest of Château-Thierry and accomplished results therein which were to add still greater fame to the region where the 2nd Division had halted the German advance early in June.

When it relieved the 2nd Division that sector on July 10, the 26th was already veteranized in all phases of trench warfare, for in the preceding winter it had gone into line on the Chemin des Dames on February 6 and remained there for 50 days, and humediately thereafter it had spent 86 days in the Toul sector.

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The division in July was under the command of Maj-Gen. C. 15. Edwards and consisted of the 51st Infantry Brigade under Brig. Gen. C. H. Shelton, containing the 101st, and 102nd Infantry and the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion; the 52nd Infantry Brigade under Brig. Gen. C. H. Cole, consisting of the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion; the 51st Field Artillery Brigade under Brig. Gen. J. H. Sheltonira, Consisting of the 101st, 102nd and 103rd Field Artillery Regioners, the 101st Engineers and other Mixing Interest.

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The sector northwest of Château-Thierry was not a pleasant place in the middle of July, 1918. The shallow and incomplete trenches extending from near Yaux and Bourèsches around the east and north edges of the Bois de Belleau to a point near Bussiares were under constant harmssing fire from the German batteries running far back across the hills to the northeast, while German machine guns and sulpers were comfortably installed all along the edges of the woods, the banks of the Ru Gobert creek and in the ruined villages of Belleau and Torcy, close to the American front lines.

### Orders to Go Over

After a week of existence under such circumstances the situation became itk-some, and there was no regret or hesitation in the ranks of the 26th when, on the night of July 17, orders came from General Liggett, commanding the First United States Corps, to go over next morning and classe the Germans out. There was no hesitation, but from the tactical standpoint, the problem was a difficult one. As the division lay in sector, the 101st Infantry was on the extreme right near Vaux, facing north; then came the 102nd Infantry, extending east; then the 104th Infantry, in the Bois de Belleau, facing east and northeast, and then the 103rd Infantry on the extreme left, facing northeast and north.

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a pivot until the bulge in the Allied
ont running northwest toward the

### **ALLIED SOLDIERS EXEMPTED FROM** TAX ON LUXURIES

Officers Can Save 972 Francs, Men 208 Every Four Months

Officers, enlisted men, in fact, all uni-formed members of the A.E.F.—which nethides members of the auxiliary servi-ces—are to be exempted from payment of the French luxury tax. Under a de-sistence of the french finister of Finance, eccently made public, this tax will be refunded by commercial houses, hotel teepers, restaurant proprietors and others upon purchases or payment of ills. The decision affects all members of the Allied Armies.

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ditures of both officers and enlisted men. The former are exempted to the extent of 972 francs every four months and the latter to 208 francs for a similar period. Books of tax rebate checks are issued which may be renewed at the expiration of this period when presentation of the covers of the old book is made. Although there is no law against the issuance of two books at the same time, or renewal of an old one, before the prescribed four months is ended, the conditions state that "the good faith of the American E. F. is pledged" and that the coupons are "non-transferable."

The refund of the luxury tax will mean a saving to soldiers in many ways. This tax is clargeable on theater tickets, hotel rooms, luncheons and dinners in certain restaurants, motion pictures—in fact, everything that is not strictly essential to one's very existence.

The distribution of books containing coupons, varying in tax saving from one to five francs, will be general throughout all France.

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In order to make any of the coupons valid, the owner of the book must endorse the necessary number of coupons at the establishment where a taxable purchase is made, inserting his name, rank and organization, number of identification card, in the case of officers, and serial number, in the case of enlisted men.

### 3rd LIEUT., U.S.A.

"Third Lieutenants," the latest thing in uncommissioned officers, are beginning to make their appearance in the replacement camps. They are the men who finished the officers training schools after the "no more commissions" order was issued from Washington. Since they are supposed to fit in somewhere between a buck and a second loot, they rank as "Dovetails."

buck and a second root, they take "Tovetails."

Most of the men wear a black stripe on their sleeve which, it has been suggested, may be considered as a delicate tribute to the memory of the too-late Sam Browne.

### YANKS WILL NOT HAVE TO REBUILD FRENCH VILLAGES

And There Never Was Any Such Boche Killer as "Edison Gas"

TRENCH RENT" ALSO BUNK

M. Tardien Gives Official Denial to War Rumors That Had Ger-

Three of the most persistent of the dozens of rumors which circulated through the A.E.F. during the war, now believed to have been put in circulation by German propogandists in an attempt to undermine the friendliness of French and Americaus, were finally set at rest this week by an authoritative denied issued by M. Andre Tardieu, the French High Commissioner for Franco-American Affairs.

There was one fine yarn which traveled up and down the A.E.F., on the subject of the French towns destroyed in the path of the American advance. Rumor had it that, before the wicked American gunners were allowed to blast the Germans out of the helpless French Government raised a restraining hand and stipulated first that, before they might fire a shot, the rough Americans must promise to rebuild every village.

Then, the story went wildly on, General Pershing, in order to press on toward victory, reluctantly gave his promise. This comic serial, which never had a grain of truth in-it, is dismissed by M. Tardieu's denial.

### "Edison Gas" Blows Up

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He also takes the trouble to deny the grotesque yarn which furnished a climax to that long series of rumors about "Edison gas." The Americans went into the war with a secret conviction that, in some mysterious way, Mr. Edison would lock himself up in his laboratory and win it for them. Therefore there was soon fourishing some low-down that he had invented a gas so deally that, with a single barrage from the gas engineers, whole German divisions would be obliterated. When summer wore on and no evidences of such wholesale and agreeable destruction in the American sectors was forthcoming, there had to be some explanation of what had befallen the Edison gas. Of course the real explanation was that there was no such thing as Edison gas.

But that would never do. So rumor, speaking with a pronounced German accornt, was soon busy with the tale that the French had cruelly forbidden the use of it by the brave Americans, because its release in any region would render the soil of that region sterie for

the French had cruelly forbidden the use of it by the brave Americans, because its release in any region would render the soil of that region sterile for seven years. Edison gas was a myth from beginning to end, but its finatchapter was the most fantastic of all.

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### PRESIDENT READY FOR PARLEY'S START

Returns to Paris After Tumultuous Welcome in Italy

After a trans-Alpine campaign that brought him such a laurel welcome as few victorious warriors have received, President Wilson returned to Paris from his peaceful invasion of Italy with plans if or early conferences on the questions of of the Legue of Nations and America's part in the peace conference preliminaries, which are expected to begin about the 14th. The conference itself is expected to open around the 20th. The President was received by the Pope at Rome and inter attended the American Episcopal Church. Later the demonstrations reached their dearly welcome growing with his stay, an until the demonstrations reached their highlights from whose balcony he

the building from whose balcony he spoke in a seeming attempt literally te throw themselves at his feet. Every-where the keynote of the speeches was "a just and lasting peace."

### Condolences to Mrs. Roosevelt

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Pleasure in the triumph of the visit
was touched with grief when the news
of the death of Colonel Roosevelt was
communicated to the party after the
train started on its return trip. The
President immediately cabled condicences
to Mrs. Roosevelt and ordered the lowering of flags on the Government buildings in Washington.

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After a short rest the President immediately began conferences with the American delegates who are shaping the American memorandum on the League of Nations, which will be discussed with the plans of the other delegates taking

the plans of the other delegates than part in the preliminary meetings.

It is expected that the President wil attend the first meetings of the conference itself. It is believed that if it be comes necessary he may return to take comes necessary he may part in later discussions.

### **KRUPP ANTIQUES** SPURNED BY U.S. ARMISTICE BOARD

Ruled Out; New Guns Demanded

200 PLANES HANDED OVER NOT ALL NEW DEPARTURES

Souvenir Store Left Behind Includes 75,000 Helmets, Many Giant Swords

Officers of the American receiving countission at Coblenz are today busy checking up on the war material which the Germans, according to the terms of the armistice, are handing over.

The enemy, it may be noted, is living up to the conditions of the armistice in every way, though there was one little matter having to do with heavy guandan another with regard to motor trucks, that had to be rectified. Of that, more later.

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One of the chief items being received by the American commission is airplanes, of which 200 have been received. They are machines of many sizes, makes and purposes. They are taken into Coblenas rapidly as the Germans can get them on cars and ship them, many coming direct from the factories about Berlin. One in cach 20 is tested, according to armistice regulations, by German fivers, of whom there are (or rather, were) two. One, a youth of 23 weighing 91 pounds, and claiming to be the man who shot down Quentin Roosevelt, suffered a few fractured ribs and a broken wrist recently while making a landing after a test. The machine was wrecked. Result: A letter to the Germans requiring them to furnish another machine.

The machines must be completely equipped and in as perfect shape as they would be if a Yank fiver wanted one for work over the German lines, even to the extent of a slip of machine gun bullets.

### New Type of Fokker

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Some of the Fokkers being turned over are very fast and powerful, and many of them of a brand new type, heretofore not flown on any front. To register a perfect test they must make a 15-minute flight. There are also somic Rolands, while the final lot of 00 contained many velerans of the western front, all, Maj. Lewis Landes, Q.M.C., head of the receiving commission ways, in excellent con-

dition.

The Germans also have turned in 2.500 machine guns to the Americans, most of them being new and all in good condi-

maching gins to the Americans, most of them being new and all in good condition.

But it was when they trundled out the big gins that the first hitch arose.

"What's this?" asked the officers of the commission as some cannon were slipped into view. "Looks like the vintage of 1870."

"Oh. no, sir," histliy replied the German ordnance officer. "They are of 1873 medel."

"Well," replied an American officer, as he waved his hand, "take 'em away. You never used many of these giuis in actual battle. We want some of your modern guns, some of more recent model: and we want 150 of them, and they must be in perfect order and ready to fire, as the terms of the armistice decree."

At latest reports the guns demanded were on their way to Coblenz.

715 Motor Trucks Delivered

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The American's quota of motor trucks which are being handed over is about 1,200. Of these 715 have been delivered, in good order. Of the ofbers, 311 are in second class shape and need repairs of various kinds before they can be acepted. 250 are in such shape that the commission refuses to accept them, while 52 would make first class scrap. The Germans are now rounding up acceptable machines.

machines.
In addition, the Boche in the American area has left behind him, such vast quantities of war material, some of it used and some brand new, that it will take weeks before the commission can check over the carefully compiled list which has been turned over by the enemy. This list consists of 36 pages, 58 items to the page, all written in methodi-

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### **MONTE CARLO CHIPS** NO LONGER ON SALE

anks on Leave Boost Pot, **Garcons Walk Away** With It

The Prince of Monaco may be hopping mad when he gets back to his home at Monte Carlo and finds out the Americans have run off with so much of his ivory money that five franc eartwheels with the pictures of Louis Philippe and the Napoleous are being used instead of chips on the Casino tables. In fact, the Prince may have heard the news already, for the word has gone out that selling chips as sourceits to American soldiers is strictly defendu in the principality.

Meanwhile the exchange rate for th Meanwhile the exchange rate for the prince's ivory currency is rising every day, and there is a suspicion that the Monte Carlo restaurant and hotel waiters' union has been profiteering. Anyway five frame chips are selling our side the Casino at six frames or more. Now the five frame ivory chip can't be hought from your hotel waiter for less than eight frames, and if you look good it costs more.

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The five franc chip is a modest looking affair, the color of a half baked meerschaum pipe, inlaid with a band of filigree metal. There are other chips of red and green and blue and yellow, fancier ones, with face values of ten francs, 100 francs and up, but the A.E.F. has modestly refrained from investing in them.

Soldiers on leave are admitted to the Casino only between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

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### TWELFTH OF A.E.F. HOME OR EN ROUTE; BATTLESHIPS HELP

German Models of 1873 Total of 10,435 Officers and 140,689 Enlisted Men Have Sailed

Many Fighting Vessels Start West With O.D. Warriors Watching Gobs Do the Work

Ten thousand, four hundred and thirty-five officers and 140,050 enlisted men of the A.F.F.—not quite one-twelfth—have sailed for the United States.

These are the latest figures from G.H.Q. They include all soldiers who have left France and England since the first American troops set foot on European soil nearly 20 months ago—officers and men who went back to training camps, sick and wounded, and those who have gone since the armistice. The large proportion of officers is due to the number sent back as instructors.

Several American bat Helships joined the procession of home bound steamships carrying Yank troops in the last few

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chrying kans the days.

The former German liners President Grant and Agumemon also were among the transports sailing, the President Grant carrying 5,000 men, including the Ch. P.A. Brigade.

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The list of late sailing includes:
S.S. President Grant, 8th F.A. Brig.
and casuals.
S.S. Agamemono, 345th Inf., less 2nd
Bn. and Co. M (87th Div.); 345th Trench
Mortar Battery (88th Div.).
U.S.S. Georgia, 6th Trench Mortar Bn.;
31th Trench Mortar Bntery.
U.S.S. Kansus, 7th Trench Motor Bn.;
37d Anti-Aircraft Sector; three casual
companies.

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### C.-IN-C. GETS CALL FROM HIS C.-IN-C.

And Then a Corporal Has to Give the President the Right Steer

One man's record for never having had to "snap out of it" at the personal command of his superior since he has been in the A.E.F. was spoiled when the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy ordered Gen. John J. Pershing to put hack a tent pole as he had found it during the inspection of quarters of the 26th Division on Christmas Day.

On the tour of inspection of a billet over a French stable the General picked and a collarish tent pole from one of

On the tour of inspection of a billet over a French stable the General picked up a collapsible tent pole from one of the banks and demonstrated its operation to the President. When he had dished he tossed it back on the bank. "Perhaps this mai's kir will be inspected again," the President said as they started to leave, "and he wants it just as you found it." Then he turned to the General with a smile and said, "As your commanding officer, General Pershing, I order you to replace that tent pole as you found it."

The General saluted, carried out the order, faced about, snapped out a second salute, and reported the order foeed. The little one-act episode brought down the house—or, more properly, the

### **BREST FLIES PENNANT**

The port of Brest received its pennant The port of brest received its pennant of victory, won in the recently concluded face to Berlin freight-unloading contest, it the hands of Brig. Gen. W. D. Connor, thief of Staff, S.O.S., on Sunday after-

noon.

The public ceremony included a march to the docks by the entire Stevedore regiment, and the presentation of the individual unit trophy, also a pennant to Company No. 854, which led the Stevedore outfits of the winning port. General Connor made a short complementary address, thanking the officer and men in the name of his chief, Majo General Harbord, for their zeal. About 3,000 officers and men witnessed the

3,000 officers and men witnessed the presentation and the pennant is now duly flying from the port's chief flag-staff.

Company No. 854 is now getting ready to sail home, the return to the States being part of its reward. Its members expect to leave within two weeks, and will be mustered out immediately.



VERYWHERE on earth American flags today are flying at half mast, for T. R. is dead. He whose distilled mast, for T. R. is dead. He, whose vitality, as great as America's own, could energize a continent, died tranquilly in his sleep last Monday morning. The returning soldiers will find many changes in their country, but none that will touch them all more nearly than this, for our generation has lost a great companion. It will seem strange when we go home—for a long time it will seem strange—no longer to hear his familiar voice there, no longer to see the light from his window shining across America.

window shining across America.

Never did any American have quite such a hold as his on the imaginations of his countrymen, and there is no American anywhere in the world today who has heard unmoved the news of his death. Yet on the affections of the A.E.F. he had a special claim. His four sons were of us. One lies buried now in a field near the Oureq, the wounds of another long since sent him home, and it was a new Colonel Rossevelt who, limping slightly, led the troops of the 26th Infantry into Germany. Of all the banners won in a long and ardent life, that was the proudest—that four-starred flag which hung outside the house at Oyster Bay. His four sons and his heart were with us and, as all men know, it was the great grief of his life that he could not be with us himself.

### MARIE-LOUISE, NO. 1 ON ORPHANS' LIST, HAS BIG HOLIDAY

Great Excitement Attends **New Year's Opening** in Pommard

Stors and Stripes Own Mascot Only One of Hundreds Remembered During Gift Season

The staff of THE STARS AND STRIPES is in disgrace with its own orphan department. At a time when all the parrains in the A.E.F. are supposed to be planning seriously for the future of the French youngsters they have adopted, the staff forgot all about the future of the property and on July. to be planning screens, of the French youngsters they have adopted, the staff forgot all about the future of its own mascot, and on January 2 blew in all its france on a lot of preposterous inessentials like dolls and mechanical toys and candy. However, when Marie-Louise Patridarchie finally fell askep that night—her lips still a bit smeary with checolate, one arm embracing the new doll, whose one arm embracing the new doll, whose

lips still a bit smeary with checolate, one arm embracing the new doll, whose fair curls match her own, the other reaching out to protect its go-cart from any burglars that might cover it—when exhausted from the bewildering excitement of a most wonderful day, she fell asleep at last, she was probably not worrying much about her future. And as long as your parrains live, you need not worry, Marie-Lonise!

When, on New Year's Day, the house of cities was a single and the house of the hous

obeyed. The massed of the bouse—or, more properly, the stable.

Another incident in the day that took the doughboys by storm was the President's attempt to get 30 veterans, standing rigid at attention, to "relax a minute and look as though you loyed the story," as he put it.

"I don't know what command to give to make you do it," their Commander-in-Chief confessed, but a corporal helped him out. He stepped forward and commanded, "At ease!" The men obeyed and relaxed, and the President went down the line talking informally with them.

Sergeant Gets Detail

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The task of making the pilgrimage
was assigned to the most rotund sergeant on the staff because of his superbcommand of the French language.
When, after a night spent in the fragrant and somewhat crowded couloir of
a third-class compartment in a train six
house lata he omerged all bedgeked with a third-class compartment in a trail set hours late, he emerged all bedeeked with lumpy packages and his own personal traveling library, he may have looked like Santa Claus, but he felt like the devil. Yet he would make the same journey every night of his life if, at the end, he could see such a wide-eyed, welcoming smile as irradiated disuol and dingy Pommard when he encountered Marie-Louise.

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### GOVERNMENT AID FOR SOLDIERS IN SEARCH OF JOBS

**Employment Service of** Labor Department Perfects Plan

1800 FRANCS FOR HER SHARE OFFICERS AND MEN SERVED

National Defense Council's 180, 000 Local Organizations Will Aid in Task

Linison between the man who wants work and the man who wants workers is being established by the United States Department of Labor for the benefit of all demobilized American soldiers and

wants when he gets back home.
When the soldier reaches his point of demobilization, he will be hauded an application blank. On it he will indicate the sort of work he wants, his qualifications for it and where he prefers to be employed. The application will be handled by one of the SOO employment

cations for it and where he prefers to be employed. The application will be handled by one of the SOO employment bureaus of the Department of Lubor, all of which have been marshaled by the Employment Service for that purpose. In order that returning soldlers and sailors may be fully informed how best to avail themselves of the Employment Service, there will be instructive language there is the sailors and posters on all homegoing troopships.

Officers and men alike will be served by the Employment Service.

### SHIP BOARD SEEKS MEN FOR MERCHANT MARINE

There is a big possibility that many discharged soldiers of the A.E.F. will become sailors, not in the United States Navy, but as enlisted and officer personnel for the ships to be supplied and operated under the program of the United States Shipping Board. Between three and five hundred thousand

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### 80.000 DO SQUADS RIGHT SIX WEEKS **WAITING FOR BOAT**

Veterans Talk of Good Old **Bugleless Days on March** to Drill Field

675 TARGETS AT ONE TIME

very Division to Go Through Embarkation Center at Le Mans on Way Home

Eighty thousand doughboys in the rea of the American Embarkation area of the American Embadantacton Center of France, with headquarters at Le Mins, began their sixth week of drill at squads right and squads left and

Le Amis, began their sixth week of the at squads right and squads left and squads right front into line Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Bugles, hundreds of them, in almost every village in the area of a radius of 75 kilometers wide by 150 kilometers long, sounded out drill call, and doughnoys, startled from early morning drowsiness, made a last hurried inspection of riles and fell in line white irritated top sergeants stood in mud over their sheetops and bawled commands.

As the long columns moved forward in line of companies toward their respective drill fields, the doughboys, as a means of distracting their thoughts from the day's work that lay before them, discussed incidents of two, three and four months back, when there were no drills or bugle calls to disturb them, "It wasn't like this two months ago, was it?" said one "What were we doing two months age anyway?" "Why, don't you remember?" said an

"Why, don't you remember?" said an other. "Old Jerry was running rings fround himself trying to keep out of our

way."

The first speaker reflected a moment, then a broad grin wrinkled his face. He tooked ahead at the long stretch of muddy road that would lis way toward the drill field. The grin disappeared.

### Things of the Past

And so it went throughout every unit.
Inst as a means of distracting their
thoughts from the present, they discussed things of the past—days spent in
undedy trenches, days under shell fire in
the Argonne—until, finally, the muddy
surface of the drill field brought other
and less pleasant thoughts. For almost
the command were to the commany clerk. very man, even to the company who found it difficult to keep step,

who found it difficult to keep step, was a retern of a real war. By 9.90 o'clock 675 targets on five different ranges were being raised and lowered by the men behind the butts. Holes in the bull's eyes were being plugged up every few minutes and it was seldom necessary to mark anything ander a four. All day long the area of the American Emberkelium Centre echood with rolling

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All day long the area of the American Embarkation Center echoed with rolling zun fire and the stern commands of platoon and company commanders. Now and then, during the squad dell, a corporal's voice, stern but rather self-conscious, could be heard above the din of the day's business. Colonels and majors also found time to make themselves heard.

Unless present plans are changed, every division now in Germany with the Army of Occupation and every division now in the area of what was once the Zone of Advance will eventually pass through the American Embarkation Center on its way home. The area is now occupied by six divisions, while four others have been ordered in. About ten divisions will occupy the area at one time, and it may be possible, if necessary, to accommodate more.

The divisions are usually sent in by battalions. Upon arrival the men are sent to the Forwarding Camp, located about three kilometers out of Le Mans, where they are placed in the "dirty Camp" and installed in tents until they all demobilized American soldiers and sailors.

To the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor has been delegated the task of finding jobs for the returning fishlers of the Army and Navy With the appeaval of the Secretar's of War, Navy, Interior, Commerce, Agriculture and Labor, constituting in part the Council of National Defense, the Employment Service will devote itself almost exclusively to obtaining work for the discharged soldier and sailor.

The Council of National Defense has \$150,000 local organizations, comprising its membership, upon which it may call for assistance in placing men into the jobs best suited to them. The bulk of this work, however, will be done by \$200 widely scattered employment browns of the Pepartment of Labor.

If the soldier looking forward to demobilization has a position awatting him in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment a ship sails from either of the base ports, men in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment a ship sails from either of the base ports, men in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment a ship sails from either of the base ports, men in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment a ship sails from either of the base ports, men in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment a ship sails from either of the base ports, men in the States, very well and good. If he has, not, the Employment Service is so arranged that the moment of ships.

In Full French Equipment

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Among those at the forwarding camp
at present are the four regiments of
colored troups of the 93rd Division,
which were with the 157th French Division from June until the signing of the
armistice. When the buttalleus began
coming in they presented an aspect
which caused sergeants major, supply
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For the colored regiments came in with full French equipment. The clothes they were afforded the only means of identification. A lick-cenant whose business it was to see that the battalions were properly cased for was much disturbed and agitated when a colored back private saluted him in the latest French style.

About that time the back private's left foot started off on an ur 'thorized expedition and he sat down's. 'the muddy road. He got up and swore violently in French.

"What's that?" said the lleutenant.

"Don't you know what dat am?" said the colored doughboy. "Dat's French for damn and several other things."

The American Embarkation Camp is prepared to handle as many men as can be cared for at the base ports.

### CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO ORGANIZE NEW SOCIETY IN A.E.F.

Comrades in Service Week's Contributions Ex-Meetings Scheduled for Next Week

### LOCAL BRANCHES FORMED CHURCH COLLECTION TAKEN

Plan, Wholly Non-Sectarian, Calls for Interpretation of High Ideals of America

Next week will be Comrades in Service Week in the A.E.F.
Sunday and the six following days are to be devoted in large measure by the chaplains and the welfare workers attached to the A.E.F. to albe promotion of an organization to be known as Comrades in Service. It will be a non-sectarian body, having for its main object the building of American citizenship upon right and sound foundations. Already, notably at Gièvres, several local branches of the Comrades have been formed, and it hoped by its promoters to have at least one group in every company unit in the A.E.F.
Comrades in Service Week will start officially on Sunday night with a mass meeting at the Palais de Glace, Paris, at 7:30 p.m. The principal speaker will be Bishop Charles H. Brent, senior chaplain of the A.E.F. and the president of the organization, and the auxiliary bodies will be represented by E. C. Carter, chief secretary of the Y.M.C.A: E. L. Hearn, overseas commissioner of the Knights of Columbus; Rabbi M. C. Enelow, director of the Jewish Welfare Board; J. de W. Berry, of the Red Cross Chaplains Bureau, and Col. William S. Barker, director of the Salvation Army—all honorary vice-presidents of the Comrades.

### Meetings Throughout Week

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Similar meetings will be held at Brest
on Thursday, at St. Nazaire on Friday,
and at other large A.E.F. centers,
notably Nevers and Marseille, throughout the week. The Bordeaux meeting
is set for January 21. Last Sunday
Bishop Perry and Chaplain Walsh explained the aims and purposes of the
Comrades to a large audience at Le Mans.
The pledge card of the organization
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Having answered the call of my country, and recognizing that on me falls the obligation, as a member of the American forces, to be the strongest and best man possible in service, and realization, I do hereby unite with others of like mind among my Comrades in Service, to realize in life the aims and ideals of this Comradeship, stated on the reverse side of this card.

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### KRUPP ANTIQUES SPURNED BY U. S. ARMISTICE BOARD

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cal German longhand. Looking over this list one finds, in addition to such items as lanters, bolts, nails and screws, enough souvenirs to supply the whole American Army of Occupation. There are, for instance, 75,000 new helmets, some of the Uhlan type, with the flat tops, some of the regulation cavairy type, some of Prussian Guard type, and, best of all, the great steel Cuirassier helmets, with the flaunting Prussian eagle and the protecting neck plece. It has the spike, too, and the black chin straps.

There are 100,000 German rifes, as well as rifles captured from the British. Belgiums, Russians, French and even the Japanese. Incidentally, the Germans in charge of the warehouse where these weapons are stored were asked: "Are there any American rifles here?" "No," was the reply.

Lances and Saw-Edged Bayonets

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There are 1.089 steel lances, very heavy; countless bayonets, many of them saw-edged, and swords of high and low degree. Some of these blades are so heavy that it seems only a giant could wield one with any kind of accuracy. There are curved blades and straight blades, and blades with grooves

could wield one with any kind of accuracy. There are curved blades and straight blades, and blades with grooves in them, all in scabbards.

Millions of shells have been left behind together with thousands of pairs of shoes, 200,000 meters of fine army cloth, addle bodies, bridles and bits galore. The shoes, leather and cloth were found in a warehouse at Coblenz-Littzel, just across the Moselle, and already the receiving commission has taken steps to turn the find to account. German workmen will be supplemented by two companies of American salvage workers, and the Army of Occupation will get new shoes and have its old ones repaired at the expense of the German government. Much of the cloth has been taken away by the municipal authorities of Coblenz who, seemingly, are operating independently of the central chaos at Berlin, but they are giving the Yanks a receipt for every yard. It is being made up into civilian uniforms, but probably will be devoted to American purposes soon. The cloth is of exceedingly fine, heavy texture, in two colors, field gray and blue.

Crammed With Raw Material

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### **FUND FOR FUTURE** OF WAR ORPHANS NOW FR. 181.754

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The A.E.F. War Orphans' Continuation Fund is growing. It now totals 181,754.13 francs.
Contributions coming in since last week amounted to 10,891.83 francs, the sum representing direct contributions to the fund and some additions tardy requests for adoptions. Also, it includes 700 francs paid in by this newspaper's circulation department, the 700 francs being the proceeds of subscription sheing the proceeds of subscription coupons to THE STARS AND STRIPES turned in by home-bound subscribers who, instead of collecting their refund, devoted it toward helping give the A.E.F.'s 3,444 war orphans something of the chance they would have had if their fathers had lived.
One of the week's contributions came from Chaplain Clinton D. Bowman, of Evacuation Hospital No. 6. A collection is taken up for the war orphan cause at the services every Sunday, and the 500 francs were the proceeds.
Another contribution, from Battery D, 5th Field Artillery, was given in honor of John A. Linn, Y.M.C.A. man attached to the battery, who was killed in action, and of the following members of the organizations who also paid the great price on the battlefield: Privates Franco, Sankin, Roan, Skrobiki, Stover, Mattes, Konepek and Kopanski.
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soed by M. Tardieu. In a statement made by him, he explains:
"It is said that the American Expedi-monary Forces have had to pay trench rent to the French Government for any sector held along the French front; also that some sort of rent has had to

sector held along the French front; also that some sort of rent has had to be paid for ground wrested from the enemy and occupied by American units. As this preposterous rumor appears to have gained credence, I shall meet it with the fullest and most categorical official denial."

M. Tardieu's statement makes clear that all Allied Armies have been on an equal footing in the matier of billet prices, that all have shared alike the free use of schools, hospitals and other public buildings. In the areas far behind the line, all questions of payments due private owners are settled for the Americans by their own Rents, Requisition and Claims Service at Tours, against whose decisions the French claimants have taken no appeal. In addition to a number of measures taken to protect the small purchaser from excessive charges, the French authorities have insisted on checking all official bills over 5,000 francs, by which supervision large sums have been saved the Q.M.C.

SHIP BOARD SEEKS MEN FOR MERCHANT MARINE

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nen will be needed for this work. Re-ruiting has already been started in the tates

States.

Many soldiers, not fortunate enough to have been sent to France as a part of the A.E.F., have applied to Washington for permission to be admitted to one of the 30 instruction schools now in operation for the training of candidates. At present 1,500 ships are operating in the United States Merchant Marine, representing a total of 8,000,000 tons. Within a year, or rather, by the time the majority of the A.E.F. is landed and discharged in the States, at least 1,000 additional ships will be ready for operation.

The conditions under which members

### **FIRST OF A.E.F.'S 3.444** CELEBRATES NEW YEAR

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raced to meet the visitor, and in the
ront room of her grandmother's little
afé the bundles were opened and such
susts and cries and explosions of excitement as made both Mme. Patriarche
and the fat sergeant so absurdly choky
they could not talk at all for a while.
Marie-Louise's Aunt Henriette also
shrieked and roared a good deal and
immediately assumed that an even half
of the windfall for was her. To which
Marie-Louise assented as a matter of
course.

For it must be admitted that half of every good and every ill that comes to Marie-Louise comes also to her aunt. Marie-Louise is five years old. Aunt Henriette is not quite four. Together they play and eat and sleep.

One Cheek for Henriette

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If Marie-Louise wins a "Bon Point"
for inexplicably good behavior at the
patronage, so does Henriette. If (as
happens sometimes) Marie-Louise is sent
to bed in the middle of the afternoon,
her aunt shakes her curly head solemily
and regretfully retires at the same hour.
So, when Marie-Louise kissed her gratified parrain, she did not have to kiss the
other cheek, French fashion. The enchanting Henriette attended to the other
cheek.

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After the first outbursts, the sergeant After the first outbursts, the sergrant sat down to a bit of coffee and quelquechose in the kitchen. Marie-Louise with a look of new responsibility weighting her down, set out to take her doil (named Mascotte) for a long, long ride around and around the room. She could join in the conversation only in passing as she rounded the billiard table. "And what do you think of President Wilson?" she was asked on one of these occasions.

occasions.
"Who is President Wilson?"
There was a roar at that, and some what offended, she was not to be caught like that the next time she passed by.
"What do you think of the League of Nettone?"

Nations?"
"I think," said Marie-Louise vaguely "that it will be very nice."

No Longer Fears Yanks

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Marie-Louise is no longer afraid of
Americans as she was of the first olive it
drab detachments that passed through
Fommard. Indeed, her own affiliation
with the A.E.F. has given her a place to
on the fringe at the occasional dinner
parties the Yanks from Beaune are wont to
to hold in Pommard of a Sunday night.
Moreover, an empty Lowney's can was
only one of several pieces of evidence
that the Beaune crowd are trying to
take our place in her affections. The
big stiffs:

Just before it came time for the burly
sergeant to tear himself away, there was
a great tumult and shouting without,
and in came trooping many children of
the village, escorting a small and extremely solemn polit of four who, with
the look of one about to mount the
scaffold, saluted the sergeant and sent
a "gros baiser" to his dear parrains.
For Marcel Meney is the mascot of 1st
Platon, Co. F. 166th Inf. If he were
feeling any better, he couldn't stand it.
If any member of Company F can
slip away for a figing visit to Pommard,
he will remember it always. Certainly
the weighty sergeant will carry with
him all his days the memory of MarieLouise's arm around his neck and the
slight of the two of them—the little girl
and her gentle mother as they stood in
the doorway and waved him down the
road to Beaune.
So far as concerns Marie-Louise, who
happens to be No. 1 in the A.E.F.'s
family of French War Orphans, her welfare for the next few years is assured.
The personnel of THE STARS AND

STRIPES has already pledged 1,800 francs for the War Orphan Continuation Fund to be devoted to her education.

HUNDREDS OF PRESENTS

FOR A.E.F. WAR ORPHANS Hundreds of Christmas presents went out from the A.P.O.'s of the A.E.F. to the war orphans of France. Some of them were mere trinkets, tiny remem-brances, and others were so gorgeomand so expensive that they made the original 500-franc adoption departing look like a side issue.

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Not quite so many gifts were sent New Year's for the Yankee soldier in France can't get used to the fact that the January holiday means more to the children of France that Christmas does—anyway, he can't get used to it in one short war. But whether they were for Christmas or New Year's, the story of what those presents were and how they were received can now be told—told, at it least, to the extent of a few random examples.

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French War Loan Bond by an American
lleutenant upon the eve of his sailing.
His instructions were that the gift be
held for her future. Many children received 100-franc notes to be spent on

HOSPITAL BASKET BALL

Two fast basketball games were played in the Vittel Hospital Center Basket Ball League Saturday night, at Vittel road to Beaune.

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### OLD RAMPARTS RISE AT BRIDGEHEAD'S END

Farthest East Platoon in A.E.F. Holds Half of Molsberg

Should you ride out, on one of these clear, frosty mornings, down to the Rhine, aver the Schiffsbrüber, up the narrow, winding roads to Montabaur, and thence, a little north of east through evergreens beautiful with their burden of snow to Molsberg, the very edge of the bridgehead of the American Army of Occupation, you wauld find there the easternmost platoon of doughbors in the A.E.F.

coutrements now echo to the t hob-nailed American boots and clang of modern rifles.

Hard Backs and Cushions

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Another child was given a 600-franc French Warl doan Bond by an American lleutenant upon the eve of his sailing. His instructions were that the gift be held for her future. Many children received 100-franc notes to be spent on holiday things.

Official Car Drives Up

An official car of Christmas morning stopped before a cottage from which the typer of the war. He will not return. Two American officers of high ranks stepped out. One laid a beautiful Parisian doll in the arms of a little girl. The other handed a wouderful miniature tank to a small boy. The gifts were sent by a general.

In several instances whole companies played Santa Claus and entertained their orphans and the latters' families at dinner. Mothers in American who had been supplied by their boys with descriptions of the children sent dainty garments. The contents of many a soldier's Christmas box was not candy or cigar-cates, but gifts for his godchild.

Three war orphans—Germaine, Marie and Yvonne—Joined THE STARS AND STRIFES family on December 4. On Christmas Day they were kidnapped, torm from their families by a group of soldiers from an Army Ambulance Service station. They wept. Finally they were convinced, by means of toys and candy, that the affair was only a celebration, and that the Ambulance men remains were not bandits, but just good natured American Santa Clauses.

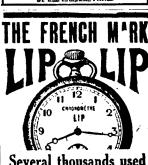
Then the party began, and from early morning until a late bedtime the young sters motored and were shown off and were shown of the convention of the

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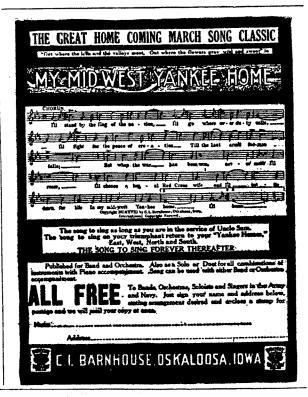
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### CHANGE TALKED OF IN 7-CENT A MILE RULE FOR OFFICERS

Pay Chiefs Say 1906 Law is Unequal to Conditions in A.E.F.

### PER DIEM RATE FAVORED

Profits of Inspection Trips Cited-System Also Brings Losses to Some on Journeys

Proposals to rectify inequalities in th operation of the law under which offi-cers of the A.E.F. draw seven cents a mile for railroad travel in France have originated in the finance and chief pay master's offices, in view of figures which show that mlleage claims have been in creasing rapidly and now approach a half million dollars monthly.

The mileage law is intended to reim

The mileage law is intended to reimburse an officer not only for the cost of his transportation, but also for hotel bills, meals and other expenses, but inance officers point out that the present law was passed by Congress in 1906 and is based on peace-time conditions in the United States, comparatively high railroad fares, a comparatively small volume of travel and infrequent trips by individuals.

It is advocated that the regulations governing travel, as they apply to the

governing travel, as they apply to the A.E.F., be amended to provide for payment of actual transportation cost plus an adequate per diem allowance.

### Sometimes Exceed Pav

As the present law operates in the A.E.F., finance officials maintain, many officers who take frequent journeys, often of great distances, find that the mileage allowance to which they are legally entitled is many times their actual expenses. Officers have admitted that the amounts they received have exceeded their Army pay.

As an instance, there is cited the hypothetical case of an officer stationed

### Some Like Taking Trips

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While finance department officials believe that possibly the actual number of cases where officers have deliberately taken advantage of the mileage law to run up big travel accounts is small, they point out that the existing law is a temptation to do so. Mileage payments averaging \$300 a month to a second ileutenant might indicate that the lieutenant might indicate that the law gives remuneration never intended to officers whose duties take them on frequent inspection trips of short periods but comparatively long distances. An officer stationed at Tours, for instance, may set out on an inspection trip to a dozen cities or stations rather far apart. He may be traveling almost contifiuously, running up negligible incidental expenses.

There have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected that the officer have been cases of inspection trips where it was suspected to the officer have been cas

If Miss Katherine Stinson, American woman aviator, has her way, mail destined for the members of the Ariny of Occupation, instead of heading up across the late battlefront and into the Rhine valley by train, will be carried overhead by airplane, and get there much quicker. She has volunteered to get the mail un herself

mail up herself.

Miss Stinson has made many notable flights in the States. Early in her career she flew from San Diego to San Francisco, Calif., without a stop, which is considerably further than from a convenient mail base in France to Coblenz. Last year she spent much time in the air demonstrating at the Army training camps and fluing between Washing. ing camps and flying between Washington and New York in the government

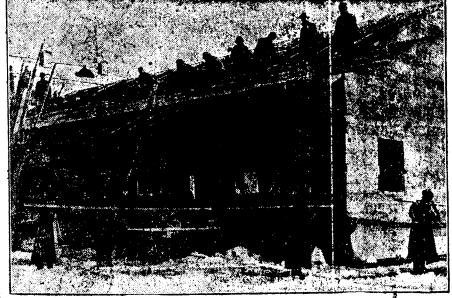
mail service.

Not being able to get a flying job in France, Miss Stinson did the next best thing. She became a Red Cross chauffeur. She has been driving a docile Ford which hasn't any elevating planes and can't do anything more exciting than skid. Hearing that the train service into Germany is neither punctual nor regular, she has asked the Red Cross to ask the Air Service to give her an airplane. She promises to do the rest.

rest.
Miss Stinson is in the early twenties.
She comes of a flying family, having two brothers and a sister who also are aviators.

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ALL ROADS DO NOT

LEAD INTO GERMANY

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### ARGONNE VICTORY RECORDED IN G.O.

C.-in-C. Praises First Army, A.E.F., for "Splendid Accomplishment"

The prowess of American arms in the Meuse-Argonne battle is recorded in a general order, No. 232, just published at G.H.Q., over the signature of the Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F. The order follows:

As an instance, there is cited the hypothetical case of an officer stationed in Parls, called to Bordeaux on a trip and returning one day after his arrival. He is entitled to draw more than 220 francs—850—for the round trip, although his rail fare would have been shout \$7. To this must be added hotel charges for meals for one day.

On the contrary, the mileage law works actual hardship to officers called on short trips to stations where they remain many days. For instance, an officer stationed at Tours goes to Paris on service requiring several weeks. His mileage allowance of approximately \$22 falls far short of reimbursing him for his hotel and other expenses, while he probably must continue paying for quarters and possibly for meals in Tours during his abs@ce.

Some Like Taking Trips

"It is with a sense of gratitude for its splendid accomplishment, which will live income the history in the Meuse-Argonne battle.

"Tested and strengthened by the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient, for more than six weeks you battered more than six of the meany line on the Western front. It was a position of the St. Mihiel salient, for more than six weeks you battered more than six one for the enemy line on the western front. It was a position of the Western front is against the pivot of the enemy line on the western front. It was a position of the Western front is a gainst the pivot of the enemy line on the western front. It was a position of the Western front is grained to the commander in Chief, A.E.F. The order follows:

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### GONDRECOURT DEPOT TO ASSIGN OFFICERS

### Blois Will Be Continued as Replacement Center for S.O.S. Troops

A depot for the reclassification of officers and the reassignment of surplus combat officers to duty is established at Gondrecourt by G.O. 231, G.H.Q., which provides, also, that the depot at Blois will be continued as a replacement center for S.O.S. troops and prescribes the procedure which will be followed in the cases of officers detached from combat units because of a lack of vacancies for them or other reasons, and combat officers discharged from S.O.S. hospitals who are discharged from the hospitals as Class B or Class C will be sent direct to Blois to be reassigned to duty by the Commanding General, S.O.S., or, at his discretion, sent to the United States.

Combat officers emerging from hospitals as Class A will be sent to Gondrecourt, from where, if found unfit for immediate combat service, they will be sent to Blois for assignment to temporary duty.

In addition to sending to Gondrecourt

The overseas cap, which has (not) protested its wearers from the rains of sunny France and the suns and snows and sets all over the A.E.F., will be permitted to remain the official headgear of the returning troops after they get back to the States.

An order permitting the retention of this piece of Q.M. Issue has been announced recently in a cablegram from Washington to the Chief-of-Staff of the A.E.F., officers not intending to remain in the service, the cable further states, will be defined the corps, when they will be sent to Gondrecourt, except in cases of officers of a division serving with a corps, when they will be sent to corps headquarters.

At the time an officer is relieved a full, detailed report will be made, citing the reasons why he is considered unfit for duty. One copy of this will be placed in a sealed envelope and entrusted to the officer for delivery at Gondrecourt.

### A.E.F. SHOP TALK

Private Eugene L. Kelley has submitted his claim for the distinction of geting to France in the shortest period of ine after joining the Army. He enlisted at Camp Mills, Long Island, on December 1, 1917, boarded a transport on becomber 12, and landed in France on become 12.

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December 28.
Artillerymen in training will not fire barrages. Amunition allotted them will be used primarily to work out problems requiring shooting in quality rather than quantity, acording to GO. 227.
Dates for the try-outs of vaudeville (acts and specialties in the Y.M.C.A. huts of the A.E.F. have been extended one tweek. Soldier actors wishing to enter the vaudeville star competition must secure try-outs by tomorrow.

A detachment of 20 men of Butchery (Co. No. 310, doing business at Toul, claims the meat handling record of the A.E.F. in three months, during the most of which time it supplied five individual to the most of which time it supplied five distinctions of 45 tons of beef. an average of 45 tons profus and beef. An average of 45 tons profus and beef of the A.E.F. are now available, says GO. 228. The same order, however, provides that no additional facilities for clotheschaning will be contracted for, except as required by previous orders from GH.Q.

The steady stream of souvenirs that threatened to swamp the A.P.O.'s and sink the transports westward board has dropped to normal again. The ebb began before Christmas, and the M.P.E.S.'s task of distributing the 9x4x3's was rendered easier. Practically all of the Christmas mail has been delivered, and only wrongly-addressed or unclaimed matter remains. Nearly veryone, it is stated, in the A.E.F. got some kind a Christmas remembrances. The behoes an before Christmas, and the M.P.E.S.'s task of distributing the 9x4x3's was rendered easier. Practically all of the Christmas mail has been delivered, and only wrongly-addressed or unclaimed matter remains. Nearly veryone, it is stated, in the A.E.F. got some kind a christmas remembrances. The ebb began before Christmas, and the M.P.E.S.'s task of distributing the 9x4x3's was rendered easier. Practically all of the Christmas mail has been delivered, and only wrongly-addressed or unclaimed matter, and only wrongly-addressed or unclaimed matter, and only wrongly-addressed or unclaimed matter, and the profuse of

of each of these guns to name his particular place after his sweetheart, his sest girl or his prospect.

Soldiers embarking for the States must not take with them books from the American Library Association's Collective of the Collection of the C

s providing troop transports with iloraries.

If Mechanic Troy E. Mock, six feet
sight inches high, of Kansas and the
24th Aero Squadron, is not the tallest
rankee soldler in the A.E.F. he would
like to be shown. He weighs 215 pounds
and invites a controversy.
All C.O.'s are ordered, in Bulletin 82,
3.H Q., to punish soldlers found resellling tobacco and other commodities from
suxiliary service cantenes or Army exchanges to French civilians or others
not entitled to buy them.

The biggest Y.M.C.A. hut in the world
will be opened at St. Nazzier on February I when the monster balloon hangar now
situated at the Navy Air Station at Pamhouer will be transported to Camp I, the
thief center for homeward bound American
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### Q.M. Turns Out Wool Product at 50 Per Cent Saving

American officers in Coblenz are wearing \$30 ready-made uniforms—Uncle, who made them, guarantees they are all wool but the buttons—In a land where military rank up to a few months ago had run to fance costumes like those of the Death's Head Hussars and the shining helmeted Prussian Guards.

The officers' uniform branch of the Q.M.C. which recently opened a supply depot at Trier, says that it has new supplied new uniforms to all the officers of the Army of Occupation who needed them after months of knocking around on the Argonne and other fronts.

Thirties sizes of the ready-made officers' uniforms are being turned out had dozen French initoring establishments, and the output of 450 a day is rapidly meeting the demands of officers all through France, although the Army of Occupation had first call for a while. The uniforms are of heavy English serge, and if purchased privately could not be bought for less than \$60 or \$70. Q.M.C. chiefs say.

By paying \$2 or \$3 extra officers may have their Q.M.C. uniforms made to their measurements, but the application of the methods of big American ready-made clothing makers has enabled the Army to supply from stock uniforms up carefully by hand in quantity production.

ATHLETICS AT LE MANS

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G.H.Q. Publishes Own Blue Book of Route to Be Followed

Nysitors, whether they are members of the A.E.F. in action while waiting for the Trings antomobile trips in the territory of the Third Army, will not need any blue book this season. An official route has been laid out for them. While the has been laid out for them. While the new document omits the mannes of the conditions and makes no mention of the condition of the paving, it is self-them to be sensed and makes no mention of the condition of the paving, it is self-them to be determined by the tourist. The M.P., it might be added, will not allow him to take any other.

The routes, outlined in Bulletin 106, is anxious to hear from football and basketonal course, outlined in Bulletin 106, is anxious to hear from football and saketoall teams, boxers and wrestlers, so that he can arrange contests, the is anxious to hear from football and saketoall teams, boxers and wrestlers, so that he can arrange contests, the issuitually, football the managers of the following football the can arrange contests, the issolute of the managers of the following football the following football the managers of the following football the following football the managers of the following football the managers of the fo

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ing adjective; it is a tribute to whatever of zest, whatever of elan the fighting American has shown. It is the American Army's greatest asset—its youth. It was its greatest asset in the tumultuous months before the armistice, and it will continue to be its greatest asset when, no longer an Army, but a body of citizenry whose own future is America's future, it takes up once more the workaday tasks which it left to shoulder rifes, rustle sumplies or

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It all depends on the point of view.
Cpl. Fred Sedberry, Company M, 13th
Regiment, U.S.M.C., writes:
With all the respect for you and your estimable
Marines in regard to the editorial of December 20
entitled "Marine and Doughloy." We Marines
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markets. My greatest ambitton now is to be
a ranking offser of Marines for a short wiftle so I
could take the matter up to G.11.Q, and see if the
last the right to publish an editorial like that.

Sgt. John A. White, 5th Regiment.

U.S.M.C., writes:

Sgt. John A. White, 5th Regiment, U.S.M.C., writes:
In regard to your article, "Marine and Doughboy," please allow me to state a few of my experiences that perhaps might have some bearing know of a Marine who will not agree to the fact that the 4th and 23rd are every bit entitled to the floor which the Marine units have attained in this greek of the season of the

berry or of a Sergeant White.

### THE ARMY'S POETS

Although we speak without the confirmatory authority of Smith's Classical Dictionary, which is not to hand (you can't have all the conforts of home even during an armistice), we believe, none the less, that we are spelling the name the less, that we are spelling the name correctly when we say that it was Tyraeus who, ousted from Athens because he was a poet and, therefore, presumably poor soldier stuff, forthwith journeyed to Sparta, composed a new set of battle anthems for the war-loving folk who adopted him, and sent them singing into victory against the people who had exiled him. The Tyrtaeuses of our day are legion. But their influence — witness Rupert Brooke, Francis Ledwidge, Alan Seeger—is as potent, as direct, as definite as was that of their forerunner. And we of America, though this is not the place to discuss whether or not America has produced a warrior poet in her own armies,

discuss whether or not America has produced a warrior poet in her own armies, like to think that the inspiration of song, our own song, has had its share in our share of the victory.

All of which is only a modest way of calling attention to the Army's Poets, who conduct their column forum this week, as usual, in the same place and at the same length. They need no apologists. We of the paper know only this; that no part of the paper is read more religiously, studied

of the paper know only this; that no part of the paper is read more religiously, studied more sedulously, clipped more consistently. It has surprised us. We did not ex-pect that O.D. poems would come in at the rate of 70 a day, with no further hope of reward for the writers than the ap-pearance of their brain-children in print. We did not guess that that part of the Army which does not write poetry (we are convinced that it is a minority) reads it to a man. it to a man.

All of which goes to show that when you go to war you learn about a lot of things besides fighting.

GERMANY'S SHORTAGE
History may decide that, all things considered. Germanys' fatal shortage was neither in white flour nor in copper nor

was a certain disconcerting Englishman the nameer occ.

It would be a bad symptom if 90 per that, even in her invasion of little Belgium, the spectacle she presented of a huge, whip-cracking bully striding into that his particular division was the best many and stumbling over a door and stumbling over a door.

And the Kaiser! The Kaiser all dressed up like a Christmas tree ready for the triumphant entry into the Nancy that never fell, the shining War Lord southing out of his realm as soon as his troops were in trouble. Wilhelm, in any country with a sense of humor, would never have been able to play his rôle out to its ghastly conclusion. He would have been laughed off the stage in the prologue.

It would do no harm for every one, unit enthusiast or otherwise, to keep in mind one tremendous fact:

Every member of the A.E.F. (with such a small number of exceptions that they are insignificant) did everything they are insignificant or otherwise, to keep in mind one tremendous fact:

Every member of the A.E.F. (with two and streamly forward, and streamly forward, and streamly fold down his neck.

Stient and grave, movin' forward, fach havin' thoughts all his own, as we tramp the path of the War Lord's where the fires of hell are blown.

Dreamlin' of home an' the old folks, have the fields o' yellow grain, an' the old rock spring, an' overything-more.

Sgt. 1

And this same lack in these laughless people led them to misread as a symptom of weakness what was really a sign and a source of strength—the puzzling laughter that floated to them across the waste of No Man's Land. They were bewildered by the British. They could never understand the humor of a people who could catch at the Kniser's sneer and make a fond and iphilant was ery out.

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YOUTH

The French for A.E.F. has always been "la jeune armée Américaine." It has so been translated in solemn official documents; more important, it has so been translated in the hearts of the French Army and of the French people. And the "jeune" is more than a qualifying adjective; it is a tribute to whatever of zest, wintever of entimisann, whatever of zest, wintever of entimisann, whatever of elan the fighting American has shown. It is the American Army's greatest asset—its youth. It was its greatest asset—its youth. It was the Comman army demobilizing the commander of the first distant sound of endless Americans on the fights with a smile.

THE OFFENSIVE

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With the German army demobilizing like butter melting in the sun, with the Rhineland as tranquil an enemy country once more the workaday tasks which it left to shoulder rifles, rustle supplies or juggle pick and shovel.

Those tasks will not seem so workaday as they did in the middle ages before 1917. And the doers of those tasks will look beyond today and envisage tomorrow. Youth can do that.

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Cpl. Fred Sedberry, Company M, 13th

that matter, the colonel—who, after planting himself in a conspicuous spot, fills himself up with liquor till he slops over. Far be it from us to oppose the right of every freeborn American citizen to make an ass of himself in public, but we do not have to be M.P.'s to object to his making an ass of the A.E.F.

That tiny fraction of officers and men are really traitors in their small but

are really traitors in their small but neuscating way. For them there ought to be something particularly painful in the way of punishment—as the Mikado used to say, "something with boiling oil in it?" used to say, "something win it." They make us sick.

### THE MELANCHOLY DAYS

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The winter of our discontent is at hand, and the Shakespearian scholars in the A.E.P.—there ought to be dozens of them—night paraphrase further and say that only the sun of New York can make it glorious summer.

glorious summer. For the young 'uns of the Army, the stripeless and the single stripers, it is the first French winter, at least the first they have enjoyed (laughter) in France in olive drab. For the most seasoned of veterans it is only the second. And the seasoned voterans can tell the less veteranish that you need a whole lot more than two to get used to thom

than two to get used to them.

It would undoubtedly have been a more comfortable war, followed by a more readily endurable armistice, if it rould have been held in a clime where the Q.M. would not have had to issue the Q.M. would not have had to issue socks, heavy, woolen, and other accountrements of the season. Such not being the case, the A.E.T.—or as much heaf it as can get neither to Germany nor home—rises to the height of its injured dignity and asserverates that, discipline or no discipline, it positively will not salute Generals January and February. It will do well, however, to respect them to the extent of keeping its feet dry.

### THE CAMPAIGN HAT

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It seems, after all, that we can't have it. As announced last week, there aren't enough of the grand old lids to go around. What few there are left the Q.M. declines to hand out, for the simple reason that he doesn't want to play favorites—although any of us would be willing to give him two out of three on a chance of shaking the overseas cap.

But the Q.M., as might be expected, is no gambler, so he won't let us flip for the ones that are left. The only thing we can do is to sleep on our overseases until we flatten them out into some kind of shape, and wear them as far down over our left ears as the law will allow—jauntily, as if to toss them off with allow-jauntily, as if to toss them off with

an air. Anyway-and here's where the som grapes come in-the old campaign hat will never rate up the same now that we have found out that rabbit hair is its main ingredient. It would be hardly decorous for one of the most belligerent bodies of men to go about topped with the fleecy covering of the pacifists' mascot.

### THE TREMENDOUS FACT

There is virtue in the old barroom classic, "Don't swear here; it sounds like hell."

A recent visitor to the American Army meither in white flour nor in copper nor in the Allies could never escape the feeling that, in addition to being terrible.

Germany was also rather ridiculous. It was a certain disconcerting Englishman who will be added to the American solders.

"Well," he said, "they've certainly got the hammer out."

a room and stumbling over a doormat had in it a disastrous element of
the comic. But then, Germany celebrating
the fall of Verdun, Germany pounding
nails into her wooden Hindenburg, Germany glowing with pride over her nonknocking, as the visitor thought it was
combatant fleet, was always a little absurd.

And the Kaiser! The Kaiser all
on the wall said about swearing.

### The Army's Poets

### "NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER"

old you ever hike millions of miles, and carry a ton on your back, and hister your heels and your shoulders, too where the straps run down from your pack, a the rain or the snow or the mud, perhaps, a the smothering heat or the cold? I you have why then you're a buddy of ours nd we welcome you into our fold.

Did you ever eat with your plate in your lap. With you cup on the ground at your side. While cooleds and bugs of species untold, Danced fox-trots over your hide?
Did you ever sleep in a tent so small That your head and your feet played tag? Then shake, old man, you're a pal of ours, For you've followed the same old flag.

Did you ever stand in a front line trench,
With Fritzie a few feet away,
With Jerries and Minnies a-whistling around,
And gas coming over all day?
With No Man's Land a sea of steel
And a tempest of bursting shell?
Then, come in, old man, and toast your shins,
For we're all just back from hell.

J. K. M.

SHIPS
A ship there sailed-my dreams return
To the days of yesteryear,
To the night of bliss-the parting kiss,
The ship that brought me here!

A ship will suil—my visions turn Once more to the bounding foam. To love's sweet charms, the waiting arms, To the ship that brings me home! Arthur Morris, A.E.F.

### THE THIRD ARMY RESPONDS those who turn our way

To those who turn our way
Across the distint route—
To those who count each day
Unheeding Time doles out—
To those who watch and wait
Beyond the sea-girt span—
Whose dreams still hold the Western GateGentlemen—Our Clan!

To that which overhead Now flutters at the Rhine— Whose ripping rolls of red Still shield the Staff and Line— Whose glory is no wraith From lowland up to crag— Heart-emblem of our flad faith— Gentlemen—The Flag!

To those who may not take
The great ship, homeward bound To those in Honor's wake
Who hold the silent moundWho, by the cross-marked sword,
Stained hills and valleys redWho stay to keep eternal guardGentlemen-Our Dead!
Grantland Rice, Third Army, U.S.

### FROM FORCE OF HABIT

Don't think it quaint in after years
If on a bill that's in arrears,
A former vet of our lighting force
Should absent-mind-dly indorse:
"th Ind: Forwarded for the necessary

If yours should be the lowly chore Of clerk in some department store, Don't be surprised if a former dough Should phrase his wants in manner so: "I pair of drawers, summer, and I cravat, is

of you should be in Hackensack
And check your hat—to buy it back,
The bandit of the gay cafe
is just as apt as not to say:
"Does the Captain wish his hat?"

And when you move in later years
And trust your goods with many fears
Of safe escort to a moving crew
The boss will likely say to you:
"T'll send the detail right up."
John Pierre Roche, Lt., Q.M.C.

### "NOW I LAY ME"

"Now I lay me down to sleep"
In youder star I seem to see
Myself a little child again
With disping lips, at Mother's knee.

"I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep" As then I prayed, long years ago, While Mother's hands were clasping a Her head, in reverence, bended low.

"If I should die before I wake,"
And leave this world of blight and pain,
Beyond the range of bursting shell—
Beyond the sight of courades slain—

"I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take:" That mid Thy Hosts I may remain, Until my Mother comes to may again, And clasps my hands in hers again, John P. Biggs, Pyt., Co. M, 357th Inf.

### IN OUR MESS HALL

There's a cracker boid from Georgia and he' strong for Robert Lee, A sport or two from dear old Herald Square; Beside a Jersey skeeter sits a husk from Ten nessen a Jersey skeeter sats a mass from ten-nesses, and the lambs with Bolby Jones from Delaware A Texas ranger loans his knife to Kane from Erin's 18le.
A lid from Carolina cuts the bread;
A limer from Australia is the first to crack a suffice with the lamb lead.

A tungo-kid from Rector's and a Hoosier chop the wood.

A chap from Pennsylvania serves the beaus;
A two-gun man from Tueson says the "chow is roarin' good,"
And so does Jazz Band Joe from New Orleans.
The skipper hails from Oregon-out where the roses grow
And where the birds are singing all the time—
In factor of the control of the c

Howard A. Herty, Sgt. Maj., Inf.

TO FRANCE VICTORIOUS TO FRANCE VICTORIOGS
Throw down the gleaming bayonet. O Francel
You who have led so nobly and so long.
Silence the trumper with the victor's song.
Down through the festive market places dance,
Where Natulie again with sucred glance
Welcomes her Jacques returned, where all
along
The lighted streets smiles once again belong,
And all is sure where yesterday was chance.

Lead on from out this gayety and light To fields where silence broods and new swords

To helds where shence moved and a constraint of the Amoust black, shattered villages, still red where the night Grows holy with the brave! Yours, France, O Guardian of the great heroic dead, John Farrar, Air Service, U.S.A.

TO MY WIFE
Why ask me if I think of thee
When not a moment files
But thou art in my memory,
Thine image 'fore mine eyes,
The sun ne'er gains the distant West,
Nor gilds the feaming sea,
The lark at morn ne'er leaves her nest,
But I think, I think of thee.

The rose, the lily, everything Doth bring thee to my mind. Even the little birds that sing Their carols of the wind, Their carols of the wind, There's not a pleasing sound I hear Nor lovely thing I see. But wakes some thought of thee, my dear-I think, I think of thee, Win. S. Corurn, Capt., 64th Inf.

### BACK TO THE LINE

'rampin' along through the darkness, Splashin' my way through the rain, Vith a chafin' pack slung on my back. Bound for the trenches again.

Flashes of light in the distance, Splotches o' red on the sky, The sound of a shell creatin' hell In a convoy creepin' by.

Our line moves on like a shadow Pushin' its way through the wreck, Each man in his place, rain in his face And streamin' cold down his neck.

Sgt. Fair

### WAITING



The Hardest Fight of the War

### WHEN SICK CALL BLOWS

"Important record. But nobody could dope ont that Company I book, the way you follows keep it."

The doctor located the book. The sergeant from Company I grinned and the medical department corporal lighted a fresh cigarette, while the sergeant copied the names of his sick and marked them all under the "In line of duty entry." "Yes."

"First man!" called the doctor. "Hornfield, James R.," read the corporal. "What's your trouble?" asked the doctor. Hornfield, James R., preferred to explain by actions. If you don't show an Army doctor, he thinks you are stalling. So he dropped his breeches to the floor and rolled his shirt up under his arms.

"Boils. Look at 'em. Gotta have the hig one opened, I think." He looked up honestly into the doctor's countenance—and was immediately frozen with embarrassment. The doctor was in the act of tipping his hat, his raze turned over Hornfield. James R.'s shirt went down and his breeches up with the speed of an escaped whole while in an old maid's bathroom.

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Aw, have a heart," begged Hornfield, James R's shirt went down and his tool him that there was no hady present. It had been hoaved. The doctor snorted, but not before he had supervised the process by explicit directions to a private first-class of the medical department.

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"Humes, William had quite an alarming set of symptoms. It was like an almanae describing pale pains for pinkish people, and included coile, gail stones, shell shock, eye strain, the acute pain of appendicitis (on the steft side), an ingrowing nail on the great toe, is abad cold, and a desire to be reclassified.

"Castor oil," ordered the doctor, and the bad cold, and a desire to be re-classified. "Castor oil," ordered the doctor, and the

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Hole-in-the-Ground, France, Dec. 26, 1918. To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES

Shorty filled his lungs with foggy air, roughed a little—for he had once been gassed—made another try, and lifted his bugie. Sick call, that most meditative and philosophical of summonses—broke forth, announcing that the doctor was waiting.

The doctor paved through some papers, while his corporal and the Company I sergeant.

The doctor paved through some papers, while his corporal and the Company I sergeant it back yesterday, sir, said the Company I sergeant. "You fellows are always losing it." "Hell you did," said the sergeant, still in an undertone, "it's around this shack. What's 'life good of it, anyway?" "Important record. But nobody could dopont that Company I book, the way you fellows the proporal copied the names of his wery own, and six more for any friends he may have." "Can't pronounce the next name," said the corporal. "You fellows are always losing it." "It's see, it." "Ithe doctor contacted the book. The sergeant from Company I grinned and the medical department corporal lighted a fresh cigarette, while the sergeant copied the names of his sick and marked them all under the "In line of duty entry." "Yes." "First man!" called the doctor. "Hornfield, James R., preferred to explain by actions. If you don't show an Army docion, he thinks you are stalling. So he dropped has breeches to the floor and rolled his shirt.

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The chemise dropped, was tucked in, and the unpronounceably named one departed with a fresh ean of ointment.

Several had colds. There was a case of a burn, with infection, and a couple of bunkies who had rigged things up in order to make a try for quarters from the doctor. One of them really got quarters.

The doctor signed the books and several reports his top brought over to him. He sat, rawning, on the edge of a table. The telephone bell rang and he answered the call.

"Yes. Glad to know you're here, sir. Very muddy, yes. Let me send over the ambulance. Yes, sir. Inspections don't worry us, as a rule, but I've been going it alone since Jones left. Yes. Right over, with the car."

He hung up the receiver and got his feet on the floor. Orders were unnecessary. Even the top was already sweeping the floor. And the corporal was hurrying outside, carrying a pail of solled dressings, while two other men rearranged bottles and bandages in even nray, while the orderly began to police up around the stove.

"Don't overlook anything," said the doctor to the top.

"Veil be ready," replied the top, and he spit on his hands and took fresh hold of the lop. Sick call was over.

Ussus.

### WILL UNCLE SELL?

## o the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES

Hole-in-the-Ground, France, Dec. 26, 1918.

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES;

Have not received reply to my letter of recent date, and to add insult to injury, your paper was put before me dated December of the great quantity of tools, machinery, etc., wherein the poor hard-worked, under-paid, ill-used top comes in for such treatment at the lands of your cartoonist that would warrant a court-martial for less majests.

Why do you not expose the thousand and not advantages you buck privates take of the number of shivering moments you keep him waiting until you are good and ready these dark in until the great date of the savings when the present laying until you are good and ready these day the same of shivering moments you keep him waiting until you are good and ready these day the same of shivering moments you keep him waiting until you are good and ready these day the same of the great day the same of the savings of the savings of most of us and at the present laying the laying the laying the laying the present laying the laying the la

pitiful yarns you try to stuff down his throat about being sick, wanting passes, cc. etc., and then give him the grand ha, ha! But Just because he shows a real honest and generous consideration for you and desires to relieve the already overburdened pack of more weight and to keep your delicate tunnines from getting pains by eating too much sweets, you mishterpret his good intentions and put him to ridicule before all the Ketite Polishers. This is a most severe breach of military discipline, and, Mr. Cartoonist, were you in my company, I would see that you were deprived of pile and ice cream every day for a month. Mind you, the cap does not fit me, because my negroes are too honest and above bribery, but I am sorry for the brother tops who are not so fortunate as I. And it is for them that I dosire to chastise you.

Redeem yourself. Anything you can do towards wiping the stains off the badly hesmirched reputation of the three striped diamond will be greatly appreciated by

Yours sincerely,

Sam Goldronope.

[Attention of 1st Set. Goldronne is respect.] [Attention of 1st Sgt. Goldiroppe is respect-fully—that's right—invited to cartoon on Page he 7.—Editor.]

### THE NATIONAL ARMY

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To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:
This letter aims to express a thought which has been in mind for several months, irendually growing until now the conclusion of the fighting makes it fitting that it be written and published.
As an officer of the National Army I wish to express my very high appreciation of and admiration for the men who served in that class. It is not simply the battles which they won; it is the splendid spirit of cager cooperation with which they responded to instruction that made my work and that of my fellow officers a pleasure and an inspiration. It is this that I admire; it is for this that I am more than grateful.
It was more than grateful.
It was not a pleasant task that confronted to when we received our commission on the 15th of August, 1917. It was to be our task to make an army from the bottom up. The men whom we were to receive (the first soo,000) were to be not merely completely ignorant of all military training, but—we were told—they would be unvillingly inducted into the service, uninterested in the war, and often sullen and insubordinate. The work of the initial organization would be further complicated by the difficulty of imparting discipline to the new recruits and maintaining it in the newly formed regiments. Few of us believed that the average American would take kindly to the disciplinary system which is the backbone of an army. All of us were surprised at the ready acceptance of that system by the drafted men.

And there was a spontaneous courtesy, withal, on the part of the men, that made the work of the officers a genuine pleasure instead of a burden. And there was nothing sectional about this spirit. Although our outfit was originally composed of Southerners, it was soon completely changed until it contained men from nearly every part of the country. But, whether the men came from Texas, they were all uniformly courteous and eager to learn. An instance of deliberate insubordination or disobedience was extremely rare. When it occurred the

### **CAMP LIFE**

To the Editor of the STARS AND STRIPES—
The subject of weather is worn threadbare, but there is a little story you may have heard which exactly illustrates our experiences at the present time. One of our soldiers was plowing along on the main road last week when he saw a short pole sticking out of the mud. Upon investigation he found it was a rifle, and digging down reached a Cavalryman, who remarked shortly but pointedly that the mud was rather annoying. He asked that his horse, under him, he excavated, and it was then seen that the horse was standing on a load of hay cheerfully mancing away.

Lifle in our canp is a constant round of pleasure and luxurfous ease. In the morning one rises before the sun, quickly silps ou wet break the ice in the water pall and perform the sacred rite known as "the morning wash!"

After that, a dainty breakfast of quarter-inch lacen and burned oatmeal, sans sugar, washed down by a liberfeating field followly maked out. To the Editor of the STARS AND STRIPES-

of most of us and completely wipe out others, while some who for various reasons (allot-ments or cognac) haven't anything sared with the sacred rite known as "the morning wash." After that, a dainty breakfast of quarter-inch ments or cognac) haven't anything sared with lacon and burned oatmeat, sans sugar, washed lacon and burned oatmeat, and suspired oatmeat the count of the feet was the substitution of trick disks of a strange rubber compound in the with the callowed to step in and take the lot, thus some time put a death of the substitution of trick disks of a strange rubber compound in the with the feet and store the substitution of trick disks of a strange rubber compound in the wit

### DARKNESS, GAS AND SHELL TRY MEN OF **AMMUNITION TRAIN**

Getting Gun Fodder to Artillery and Doughboys Their Job

### GYPSYING AT THE FRONT

Camping Under Fire, Ducking Boche Bullets, Just Incidents in Day's Work

Now that the armistice is in good working order, there is no harm in admitting that life for the men of the ammunition trains were not, in all strictness, a flowery bed of case. And yet this newspaper has been asked, time and again, "what is an ammunition train." It is a reasouable question, for the ammunition train, in its present high state of development and utility, is as much a product of the War of 1014-1018 as are gas masks and Hindenburg lines.

It is a complete military unit, created by the demands of modern warfare, with its own battallons, horses and motor, its own headquarters detachments and its own personnel and supply units.

The purpose of the ammunition train is to haul ammunition, to haul it from the ammunition dump—usually at night—to the batteries or to the Infantry. It is a true gypsy ouffit, traveling here and there over the front, always under some kind of shellfire, camping wherever possible, with true regard for safety of horses, trucks and men and for the distance from those batteries which it feeds.

eas. It is probably the most widely scat tered outlit in the Army. Its motor trucks range from the coast to as far front as the roads will permit; and the motor companies themselves, of course motor companies themselves, of course, are widely scattered. So are the borsed companies, though not so much, as they work up close behind the front, as a rule, in a single sector.

Excitement? Here are a few high spots in the career of one horsed company which might apply with equal facility to any of the others.

### Introduction to Shell Fire

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Its introduction to shellfire was made early one morning after an all-night march in a cold raim. The company turned into a shell-wrecked village for the day, canoudlaged its wagons, tied its horses in the houses and then tried to get some sleep amid the ruins, with shells bursting in the town and over it. The Gernans were trying hard for a battery on the heights above the town, and as is usual in cases of this kind, the innocent had to suffer.

In the evening the company took to the traffle-choked road again and moved up front, clear up, past its supply bases, past its heavy artillery, to between the second and third line trenches, close to the jumping-off place for the Americans in the Argonne fight. And there, in the midst of a thick woods, pitted deeply with shell holes, and with no roads, it was ordered to camp at 10 o'clock at night.

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Ind the enemy only known it, a few gas shells judicionsly placed, would have ended the career of half the company. But such its abound in war. There were no dugouts, no shelters—and the men were so exhausted that the majority of them the next morning declared they never heard the klaxons which had been sounding at frequent intervals not over 100 or 150 yards away.

The next night—it was the night of Sept. 25—three sections had their first experience in ammunition hauling, marching, without their horses, to a dump not far from the front lines and helping to load combat wagons which were taking the ammunition to the doughboys. There was a pretty fair duel poing ou, and the German shells fell uncomfortably close to that dump. But there were dugouts near by, and this helped.

Right Behind the Guns

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When the Infantry moves up, the Artillery, of course, follows, and the ammunition train tags right along behind. And it gets a full share of adventure.

There was the time at Ivolvy, for instance, a few days after the Argonne drive, when the men drove over a plank road, winding over a hill, within full view of the German of servation balloons. Shells fell when the men first struck that road and kept falling, first on one side of the highways and then the other, splashing the riders and caissons with mud and dirt.

At the batteries the men worked frantically, getting out the shells, and then whipped their horses through the screeching blasts, escaping unscathed. Here it was that the captain of this particular company, a veteran of Cuba. China and the Philippines, rode his horse deliberately to the top of a little knoll within full vlew of the balloon and within machine gun or sniping distance and halted there, encouraging his toiling men, until the last one had passed. There was the time, out the Verdun front, when men and caissons, returning in the early morning from a trip and riding in comparative safety along a road, suddenly were galvanized into quivering breathlelsness by a paraschute star shell that flung its blinding glare directly over them, and then, an instant later the roar of a Boche plane was heard.

Sitting and Taking It

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With an appalling crash, he swept down along the road, working his ma-chine gun like mad, and the men just sat there in silence and took it, watch-ing the little spurts of fame dart up from the stones at their horses' feet. That was the toughest part of it, taking the Boches' hell without being able to fight back.

### COMMANDING. THE THIRD ARMY BOCHE WIRE TAPPERS



Signal Corps Photo Major General Joseph 1 Dickman, C.O. of the American torces occupying the Coblence bridgehead, was in command of the Grd Division at Château-Thierry.

### WINTER DAYS ALONG THE RHINE

to curb them.

A staff car, scooting down from Dierdorf, headquarters of the 3rd Division, to Montabaur, came upon a limping doughboy, with full equipment, making his way laboriously over the key roadway through the showy woods. An infantry captain in the car asked the driver to slow down, and inquired of the soldier where he was going. The response was, "Up to join my outfit about 17 kilometers up the line." He had developed sore feet and had fallen out, and had been lett far behind.

He was given a lift, and when the village in which his unit was quartered was reached, proud were his hand-waves and amazed were his conrades. "Sure put one over on 'cm,' he chuckled as he clambered out with his pack on his back (he wouldn't take it off), "but what gets me most is that this is the first automobile ride I've had since I landed—and I had to come to Germany to get it."

Speaking of firsts, they seem to be

Speaking of firsts, they seem to be happening frequently in Germany. One of the most popular is an ice cream shop in Coblenz where many soldiers are tasting their first frozen sweets since their arrival oversens. The confection is an ice rather than ice cream.

A man without a pass—and a good one, too—has no more chance to get around Coblenz than has the ex-war lord to disturb again the peace of Europe. The town is not large, and M.F's are many. They rise up out of nowhere, seemingly, in the dark streets, some with fixed bayonets on their rifles, and if you have no permission to be out you join a long, long line that usually comes a-winding through the main thoroughfares about S or 9 o'clock (if it happens to be passing when you are stopped, and it usually does), after which follow the usual ceremonles. You join it, and get an opportunity to explain later.

The Rhine has an unusual interest for the Americans, both officers and enlisted men. Even a grizzled top kick was caught gazing reflectively over its waters recently. Perhaps the fact that it was running with a particularly swift current and rising slowly had something to do with it.

to do with it.

Or perhaps his statement clears it up

How roan.

One could just eatch a glimpse of a helmet knocked off, a bloody head, a torn back, and then the stretcher bearers dashed up from nowhere, placed the men on it and got out. And the K. of C. man in the doorway, with a look of wonderment on his face, still stood there (It had happened so swiftly) with an empty box in his hand and the precious cigars scattered all over the ground. cigars scattered all over the ground. Without any excitement or flurry this time, the men just whipped their animals into a trot and pulled out, adjusting their gas masks as they rode.

### In the Night and the Rain

That was the toughest part of it, taking the Boches' hell without being able to fight back.

Even in the midst of trying moments like this there have been humorous sidelights, such, for instance, as the sight of a former hard guy hiding his head under a caisson tarpaulin to escape the leaden hail; and the sight, too, of a little group huddled under a caisson, right against the electric heels of the company's most wicked mule.

And then there was the time the company suffered its first casualties, directly his ton of a Red Cross first aid station, in a little village so completely blasted that a road had been built right over the ruins. There was a Rhights of Columbus hut near by, and one of the K. of C. men was holding a box of cigars in his hand, giving one each to the soldiers as they passed.

Came a whine and a whee-ee-ee and a terrific crash—and three French soldiers nearby, who were digging stones out of the ruins for a road, went up into the air, arms and legs spread out, helmest fixing. Came another crash, directly overhead, and part of the Red Cross station disappeared; and then another, and four wen and a horse dropped—the "The Engineers and the doughboys."

Although the bridgehead woods are full of rabbits, hare, fox and wild boar, and although their sentine's fingers itch to pull the trigger on this tempting game, the American military authorities have put into effect a closed season edict. The basis for the order is said to be that the soldlers' rifles carry too far and that some one, soldier or civilian, would be likely to get hurt if the men were permitted to range indiscriminately over the woods.

But old Farmer Hans is sorry, just the same. He claims the rabbits and hare have bred in such prodigious quantities since the beginning of the war that they are likely to ruin his crops next year if some means is not taken to curb them.

A staff car secoting down from Dier. Snow in the bridgehead has brought out the sleds and skates of the children living in the hills. The sleds are crude, and so are the skates, but they work. And many a fond memory do they bring to the mind of the boy in khaki as he watches the young ones romping and yelling—and beseeching him to try it. He often does, but usually only to the extent of helping them pull their sleds to the top of the slopes or aiding them with a refractory strap.

And the M.P. at the foot of the hill is especially careful in warning passing traffic of the merrymakers' impending descent.

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## RUN INTO NEW CODE

### Sioux Observer and Receiver Make Things **Easy for Gunners**

Because of the nature of the country over which American troops fought in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, the Germans found it easy at times to cut in on our field telephone wires.

The commander of one brigade of artillery attached to an American division was particularly annoyed by enemy wire-tappers in a heavily wooded section of the Argonne. Code messages from artillery observers were being intercepted by Boche listeners-in, and the commander knew, as all armies know, that no code is impregnable when experts get working on it.

The artillery commander took up with the colonel of one of the line regiments the question of the Huns wire-tapping activities. And the colonel hit upon an idea.

Two Indians both of argund Siney.

Two Indians, both of proud Sions ineage, members of one of his companies, were assigned as telephone operators. One was to go forward with the artillery observer, the other to remain panies, were assigned as tolephone operators. One was to go forward with the artillery observer, the other to remain at the brigade receiving end of the wire which the artillery commander was certain the Germans had that day tapped somewhere along the line.

The two Sioux, both intelligent, willing men, were sent for and given instructions. Those instructions were to transmit, in the language of their fathers, all messages given them at their respective posts.

Now, when two Sioux Indians get talking together in their own tongue, what they say sounds very much like code, but isn't. Anyway, it raised hob with the code experts of certain Prussian guard units.

The Sioux stuck on their jobs for three days and nights. They and the artillery commander and their own colonel enjoyed the situation immensely. If the Germans got any fun out of it they kept it to themselves.

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Orders were issued to provide every soldier with a bed at once, and this is being done as rapidly as the consequent shifting of the civilian population can be accomplished.

Incidentally, Herr Cootie has suffered one of his heaviest blows, for each khaki fighting man going between sheets can give his clothes a thorough de-lousing the night before.

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Gave all that the boys might better play
The Game uchose stakes were a fairer world.

## A.E.F. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES OUTLINED BY G.H.Q.

Hall to the fans of Yesterday!
And now that the last box-score is in,
with the players who pass their way
Rejoice in the fruits they helped to win.

### RULES GOVERNING A.E.F. ATHLETICS

New Army Order Tells How Championships Are to Be Conducted -4111-

BOXING WEIGHTS STATED

New Pugilistic Champion Will Be Developed in Each of the Six Classes

Rules under which the A.E.F. athletic championships are to be conducted are made public in a new general order from

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All team events will be conducted in such manner as to determine five teams for the semi-finals and finals, one team each from the First, Second and Third armies, and two teams from the S.O.S., which includes the District of Parls.
All officers and men who are bona fide members of the unit they represent are eligible to participate in all team events, tennis and track and field sports. Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. secretaries and athletic instructors are barred from competition, but enlisted men of the A.E.F., placed on temporary duty as athletic instructors to assist Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. athletic instructors are eligible to compete.

Champlonship Football

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Owing to the impossibility of securing sufficient football material to equip an average of ten teams a division, or similar sized unit, it has been found necesary to make the basis of the A.E.F. championships in this sport one team from each of the following units: Army Corps, Corps Troops, Divisions, Base Sections of the S.O.S., Paris District of the S.O.S., and Advance Sections of the S.O.S. Elimination schedules will be conducted under the supervision of Army, Corps and S.O.S. athletic officers to determine the champion team for each Army and the two best teams in the S.O.S. These elimination contests must be concluded by February 28 in order

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in March.

Boxing and Wreatling

Contests for the boxing championships
of the A.E.F. will be staged in the following classes: Feather weight, 125 pounds and
under: witter weight, 135 pounds and
under: middle weight, 145 pounds and
under: light-heavy weight, 175 pounds
and under: and heavy weight, 175 pounds
and under: and heavy weight, over 175
pounds

All bouts will consits of three three an bouls win consist of three three minute rouds, one minute intermission, except finals and semi-finals, in Division Corps, Army and S.O.S. tournaments. These will consist of five three-minute rounds, with one-minute intermissions. In all other matters concerning actual conduct of bouts, the A.A.U. rules will govern.

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Wrestling contests will be staged at each of the six weights specified for boxing, and A.A.U. rules will govern.

In boxing and wrestling the contests will be so conducted as to determine winners at all specified weights in Army troops, Corps troops, Divisions, and similar sized units in the S.O.S. Tournaments in both boxing and wrestling will be conducted the same as in football, and must be concluded by the last day of March. Instructions will be issued later in regard to the place and date for the finals.

Track and Fleld Games

Track and Field Games

In track and field games the meets will be conducted so as to determine the winners in each of the specified events in Army troops. Corps, troops. Divisions and similar sized units of the S.O.S. These winners will be eligible for the final A.E.F. championships, the date and place for which will be announced later. In order to encourage the participation of the greatest number of players in basket ball, divisional tournaments embracing teams from Infantry, Artillery and Engineer regiments, machine gun battalions and other similar divisional units will be held, as well as similar tournaments among Army troops, Corps troops and units in the S.O.S.

Upon the completion of each tournament, division and other similar unit basket ball teams will be selected, and Corps. Army and S.O.S. elimination contests must be concluded by the last day of March in order that the A.E.F. finals may be played off early in April.

Information regarding baseball and tennis will be published later.

All Point Company Championships

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will be decided by means of a pentathion, embracing five events, 100-yard
dash, \$80-yard run, standing broad
dump, shell put and pull up. These events
were selected because they require the
minimum of equipment and can be engaged in by all. The rules to govern
the All Voint Company Championships
will be announced in another bulletin,
but they will be uniform, and an effort
will be made to have the events held
upon terrain as uniform as possible.
Each company of 250 men will be required to put 80 per cent of its strength
in this competition. After the men have
all run 100 and 880 yards respectively,
their average time will be taken, and
this will be counted as the company
being taken as the final score. In the
pull up, the average number of times
the entire company poing up will be
taken as the company score. Regular
army shoes and other equipment will
be set when all companies must have
competed.

Knock-down rings will be furnished by

A national movement has been started in the United States to establish a one-man commission to govern amateur and professional boxing in all States where the sport is legalised. Congressmen representing States where fights are permeants. A Gray, feather weight champion of the 18th Division, has participated in 12 bouts since be landed in France and has yet to taste defeat, so his manager, Sergeant Merle Whitney, Section 10, Co. B. 1837d Inf., desires to match him with any good feather weight in the A.E.F. who is looking for a bout. Boxers in the A.E.F. weighing in at 150 to 151 pounds ringside and especially William S. Gill, of the 109th Machine Gun Battalion, and Eddie Ramsey, of the 168rd Military Policy, can arrange a bout by getting in touch with Private Willie Scott, Co. M. Sist Inf., A.P.O. 777. Bobby Reynolds, Co. B. 138th Machine Gun Battalion, with a long list of victories to his credit, including that scored over Jack Dunleavy, light weight champion of Australia, wants bouts with the best scrappers in the A.E.F. weighing 133 to 136 pounds. Anyone wanting to accommodate Bobby can write him at A.P.O. 783. be set when all companies must have competed.

Knock-down rings will be furnished by the Army for the boxing contests. One hundred and fifty new hangars, 150 by 40 feet, have been obtained by the Army and will be distributed to the various units, one to a battailon, to be used for boxing, wrestling, volley and basketball. These will be electric lighted and heated.

### Prices to Be Handsome

All prizes will be emblematic of service in the A.E.F., and will be of particularly intrinsic value. They will be of unusually artistic design by fatnous French artists.

They will be awarded as follows:
Baseball and Basket Ball: Individual prizes to all members of the teams winning first place in all divisional, or similar unit, contests, and to members of the two teams contesting in the final A.E.F. Championship.

Football: Individual prizes to members of the teams winning the three

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NEW ENGLAND SKATER WILL MEET ALL COMERS

An ice skating tournament for the speed and fancy ice skating champion-ship of the Alled Armies, at Chamonix, Department of Haute Savole, is suggested by Private Jack Ruping, of the Headquarters Company, Second Corps, A.E.F., in a letter to the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Ruping is New England two mile amateur champion; holds the world's proximity to established leave centers, record for the 440-yard tandem, and has caused the world's record for 440-yard tandem, and has caused the world's record for 440-yard tandem. He challenges any man in the world for a series of eight races, best five out of eight, over the ice at Chamonix, distance two miles. The New England champion is particularly anxious to meet A. Mathlesen, the Norwegian speed marvel, who holds all world's records from Soo to 10,000 meters; Robert McLean, Morris Wood and E. Lamy, also record formation as to past performances.

Bow in Fest Halle at

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Track and Field Evente: Individual orises to winners of first place in each event in divisional, or similar unit, contests, and to the winners of first, second and third places in the final A.E.F. Championship most.

### Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS YANKS DON MITTS **ACROSS THE RHINE** HOLD CONFERENCE

**Discuss Means of Aiding** Boxing Makes Its Official New Sport Program of the A.E.F.

the A.E.F.

Ninety regional and divisional athletic directors of the Y.M.C.A. were present at a conference at Tremblay on Friday and Saturday of last week when the Army order authorizing sports champlonships in the A.E.F. was discussed, and addresses were made by Col. Wait C. Johnson, chief Athletic Officer of the A.E.F.; Col. T. J. Johnson, Lieut. Col. H. M. Nelly, Adjutant, First Army Corps; President King of Oberlin; E. C. Carter, chief secretary, A.E.F., Y.M.C.A.; O. F. Gardner, Director of Divisional Activities, Y.M.C.A.; W. H. Ball, of the Personnel Bureau. War Work Council, N.Y., and Elwood Brown, Director of the Department of Athletics Y.M.C.A. at letter was read from General Pershing in which he laid strong emphasis on a huge scale.

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Hereafter, every Saturday night will
see a good program of fistic talent in
the former German theater under the
auspices of the Y.M.C.A. In addition,
th Knights of Columbus are combing
the bridgehead in an effort to find the
best glove mixers in the Third Army in
the hope of ultimately producing champions in the various classes able to hold
their own in bouts with title holders in
other American Armies. This promises
to be a great pugllistic winter in Coblenz and vicinity.

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The slogan of the conference was now

The slogan of the conference was, now that the real fighting has ended, to keep the men "Fit to Go Home."

### **WRESTLING NOTES**

m.P. Punches Referee

The first combat was between Privates McGree and Schumacher, both of the Third Army Military Police. The boys weighed in at 125 pounds and were very evenly matched. There was only one feature. That was when Private Schumacher, in making a wild swing at the head of his opponent, nearly decapitated the referee, Lieutenant Badham, of the 91st Aviation Corps. Lieutenant Badham, be it said, stuck right to his job. A little thing like a left hook to the head could never interfere with the task of keeping both boys in the ring and out of the clinches.

Private Turner of the 37th Engineers, 145 pounds, went on with Private Albert Murray of the 322nd Field Hospital.

The last match was between "Red" Robertson, 140 pounds, and "Kid" Marlow, 135 pounds, both of Third, Army Headquarters. Marlow kept running into clinches and let Robertson do most of the puvision wins. Private Frank Smith, of the 104th Infantry, gassed and wounded at Toul, returned to his home in South Boston. He asks us to convey his best wishes for the New Year to his friends overseas. Fatsy McCarthy, an Irish lad with Headquarters Troop, 76th Division, is proving his class as a matman, meeting all so mers in his division and holding his beautiful that the second of the late Matty Baldwin, held recently in the Arena in Boston, proved one of the greatest things of its kind since the benefit for John L. Sullivan. Over 7,000 attended and something like \$10,000 was realized for Mrs. Baldwin.

Private Marco M. Penn, champion light weight of Florida, is willing to meet anyone in a wrestling bout at the weight of 150 pounds or under. The necessary arrangements can be made by addressing Penn's manager and trainer, Private Arthur J. Smith, Prov. Supply Co., Sixth Army Corps, A.E.F., A.P.O. 783.

Sergeant George Roumas, welter weight wrestler, with a string of six victories to his credit, is ready to meet any man at his weight. Johnny Mack, taking the mat at 155 pounds, is also looking for bouts. Matches can be arranged with these men by writing Paul C. Johnson, athletic director, A.E.F. Forwarding Camp, Le mans.

While other members of the A.E.F. were eating their Christmas and New Year's dinners, the football team of the 3 86th Division was making a meal out of the 78th and 80th Division elevens. On the afternoon of Christmas Day it soundly trounced the 78th Division, 38 to 0. On New Year's Day it defeated the 80th Division, 20 to 0. thereby win ling the championship of the First Army Corps.

Now it is looking for further honors and Capt. W. Whitney is willing to take on the whole A.E.F. eleven men at a time. Address. him, 142nd Inf., A.P.O. 796.

TED MEREDITH SAYS
FAREWELL TO FRANCE

Ted Meredith, captain in the Aviation Service and famous middle distance runner, salled this week on the steamer Princess Matoika which left St. Nazaire loaded to the rails with homeward bound Yanks.

Meredith is one of the fastest middle distance runners to ever don a running. St. Nazaire and Bordeaux locked horns upon the gridiron Christmas Day, St. Nazaire winning hands down to the tune of 17 to 0. The contest was staged at St. Pierre des Corps, near Tours, and attracted a crowd of several thousand. Eddle Mahan, captain of the team, and former Harvard football star, kicked a goal from the field from the 30-yard line. Sergeant Brown, assisted by a fine interference, carried the ball over for two touchdowns.

Maj. D. S. Adams, manager of St. Nazaire, claims the championship of the S.O.S.

distance runners to ever don a running suit. He is holder of the world's record for 800 meters, established in 1912, and the world's amateur record for the 440-yard run (one turn) and the 880, made in 1916.

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### 35TH DIVISION HAS FIGHTING CHAPLAIN

Chaplain Earl A. Blackman, 130th Field Artillery, 85th Division, challenges any parson in the A.E.F. of 160 pounds weight or over to a boxing match, and will meet anyone who accepts this challenge speat three weeks notice, details to be arranged later.

American chaplains interested should communicate with Capt. Vic-tor J. Wagoner, 130th Field Artil-lery, A.E.F.

### NEVERS BOUTS DRAW BIG HOLIDAY CROWD

More Than Three Thousand Francs Realized for War Orphans

Two wrestling matches and seven boxing bouts were features of a big indoor sports carnival staged by members of the A.E.F. at Nevers New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. The entire proceeds, over 3,000 francs, were do-nated to the fund for the relief of

nated to the fund for the relief of French war orphans.
Units participating were the 19th, 39th, 49th, 59th and 81st Engineers; 53rd P.W.E., and the Motor Repair Shops at Nevers.
Keyser (145 pounds), 19th Engineers, won his wrestling match with Wilkes (150° pounds), of the same regiment, Parks (140 pounds), of the 81st Engineers and Lewis (133 pounds), a casual, wrestled to a draw.

feated Meyrick, 49th Engineers, the lads weighing in at 118 pounds.
In the semi-final, Hoffacker, Motor Repair Shops, outpointed Kerrigan, 19th Engineers. Although these men tipped the scales at 165 pounds both proved exceptionally fast.
The final bout, at 128 pounds, between Detling, Motor Repair Shops, and Weisherg, 19th Engineers, resulted in a draw.

83RD DIVISION HAS SOME GOOD BOXERS

Fight fans who attended the K. of C. show in Paris last week realize that the Sird Division musters some excellent

right ians who attended the K. of C. show in Paris last week realize that the S2rd Division musters some excellent scrapping material in its organization. for its representatives played a big part in the victory the Yank boxers won over the French. Seven battles were staged. The Americans were successful in four. The Americans were successful in four. A packed house watched the scrapping and yelled approval of the Yanks' showing, and especially of the S3rd Division boys. Bob Martin, of the 83rd, a youth of 21 with a punch, was the headliner. He stopped Eugene Stuber, a French heavy weight, with a right swing to the Jaw, and it was a case of "dreams" for Stuber, who thought a mule had kicked him. Stuber was in the calcium for exactly ten seconds. Then all was dark, for Martin uncorked his right and Stuber hit the matting, to be counted out by Referee Carey.

Billy Kleck, another 83rd Division boy, outpointed Gavrec, one of France's best feather weights, after four rounds of intensive hoxing. As per custom, the Frenchman was in the best condition, but Kleck's aggressiveness won him the decision. Young Kleck will bear watching in the fight game.

Jack Duarte, 83rd Division, who resembles a cave man, outfought Lorencetti, of France. Grit and an ability to stand punishment won for him.

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WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Following Conference With Col. Wait C. Johnson K. of C. Promises Assistance

Following a conference with Col. Wait C. Johnson, chief athletic officer of the A.E.F., the Knights of Columbus are preparing to back up the Army authori-les in every way possible in order to nake the A.E.F. athletic championships

make the A.E.F. athletic championsnips a success.

The athletic department, of which J. J. Carey, the famous boxing referee, is chairman, has always endeavored to foster the fight game because of its close relation to bayonet fighting. For this reason the order has an exceptionally good list of boxing instructors on hand at the present time fready to assist the Army authorities.

A few of these men are Billy Roche, Aiex A. McLean, Danny Dunn, Sam Fitzpatrick, William M. Varley, Jimmy Twyford, "Blz" Mackey, Edward Conway, James Stanley, "Bill" Cameron, and Jake Carey himself. They have followed the fistle game for years and know it from every angle.

35TH DIVISION PUGS AT PALAIS DE GLACE

of the 35th Division, headed

Boxers of the 35th Division, headed by "Bud" Clancy, former boxing instructor of St. Louis, Mo., will feature the program Tuesday night at the Palais de Glace, Paris, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.

Clancy will bring the following men: Jack McCarthy, 128 pounds; Billy Moore, 128 pounds; Eddie Spier, 135; Tony Lapinine, 142; Harry Webb, 148; and Clancy himself at 158.

BASKET BALL AT ST. AMAND

Troops stationed at St. Amand are anxious to meet busket ball teams in the A.E.F., the games to be played at St. Amand. Address Chaplain Wacker, A.P.O. 773.

SHEA TO RE-ENTER SPORTS

Frank Shea, quarter-mile champion of the University of Pittsburgh, has been lischarged from the Naval Aviation Service and will re-enter track sports.

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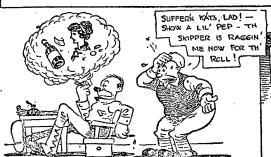
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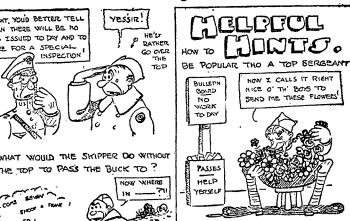
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### DISCHARGE CAMP FOR SOLDIERS WHO MUSTER OUT HERE

First Depot Division Designated as Location in **General Order** 

PHYSICAL EXAM FOR ALI

Men to Be Charged Only With Equipment Initialed by Them on Individual Records

The establishment of a discharge camp in France at which will be mustered out the soldiers of the A.E.F. who are released from military service on this side of the Atlantic is ordered in G.O. 230, just issued from G.H.Q.

The Commanding General, S.O.S., will establish the camp, which will be located at the First Depot Division. To it will be sent all men whose discharge is authorized in France, the number of whom, according to present authorize, will be strictly limited to those whose homes are in Europe or who enlisted in Europe, as announced previously.

After authorizing the creation of this discharge camp, the G.O. goes into exhaustive detail as to the various and numerous things which must be done by a soldier to be discharged and by those who discharge him. This data consists of War Department cablegrams and circulars to the extent of 20 pages and gives G.O. 230 the distinction of being probably the longest G.O. which G.H.Q. has ever authorized.

Most of the instructions will not become of any great interest to the bulk of the A.P.F. for several months yetner and the properties of the first of the States and get ready for the final "Dismissed."

Physical Exam on Books

Physical Exam on Books
A few points are worth knowing about now, however. In the first place, all officers and men, before leaving the Army, will be subjected to a critical physical examination which, if the emphasis of the instructions is an indication, will be stiffer than the one we got when we entered the Army.

The discharge of men afflicted with venureal disease will be deferred, as will that of men who are unfit for duty in the class in which they were rated at the time of their entrance into the Army, or in a higher class, in the event that they were subsequently so rated.

Men from the same localities will be discharged, as far as possible, on the same date, and only as they can be moved homeward by train.

Compensation blanks for persons disabled in the service of will be furnished every officer and enlisted man who has been so disabled in the service, or who claims to have been, and assistance will be given him in filling it out. In addition the War Risk Insurance policy held by soldiers will be thoroughly explained, and the soldier will be thoroughly explained.

And That Issue Stuff?

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And That Issue Stuff?

Officers and non-commissioned officers may retain publications, manuals and regulations in their possession.

And, not least important, it is provided: "When the 'Issue Column' of the Individual Equipment Record is not filed out and initialed by the soldier as well as the witnessing officer in the manner prescribed prior to a transfer, and the soldier chenies having been issued articles charged thereon or states that he has turned them in before departure, or if there is no Individual Equipment Record accompanying the soldier, the articles will not be charged against him."

This ought to make most of the Army square with the Salvage Department.

A bill permitting soldiers to retain uniform and personal equipment on discharge has been reported on favorably by a Senate committee.

### ARMY S.P.C.A. ON WARPATH

### ANTI-SKID DEVICES FOR REAL ICE ONLY

Used When Roads Are Merely Muddy

Morely Muddy

All the hardened chauffeurs of the A.E.F. are implored by G.H.Q. to go easy on uncomplaining French roads which have become soft as a result of thawing. To point the way to the chauffeurs, a complete sot of instructions on the humane treatment of the highways has been issued.

These instructions, contained in Bulletin 101, state that no chains, lugs or meral anti-skid attachments on motor vehicles or tractors shall be used exect min case of actual necessity or at times which the roads are needy inconveniently slippery on account of mud, anti-skid divices will not be used.

It is pointed out in the bulletin that following a thaw "roads will suffer daming which is often irreparable if heavy traffic is allowed to circulate before they if have had time to settle." During this settling period, which varies from three of days to a much longer time, according to the intensity of the frost, traffic will be limited, and circulation of motor tracks, loaded wagons in convoy, for wagons having more than one axle, and for vehicles hauling fertilizer, is suspended.

Yone Majors, the Commandant of Expended Majors, the Commandant of Expended Majors, the Commandant of Expense or the Engineers are instructed to mark such roads as are not to be used. The hecessary control and diversion of traffic will be effected through the Military Police, in cooperation with the majors, the remain of snow, troops may be called upon to assist. This snow removal pertains to highways and is in addition to that the cooperation with the proper of the cooperation the troops occupying them."

Coulette States of the States of gardening activities of the A.E.F. for gardening details is sound to decrease.

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## IN OCCUPIED REGION

Stiffest Sentence of High-er Body Is Six Months,

Instructions have been issued from G.H.Q. for the establishment of courts for "the trial and sentence of all civilian inhabitants of occupied territory guilty of offending against the laws of war or will the transmission."

inhabitants of occupied territory guilty of offending against the laws of war or military government."

These instructions, contained in G.O. 225, provide for the establishing of two courts first a superior provost court. consisting of an officer detailed by division commanders for the districts occupied by their respective divisions, and an inferior provost court, consisting of an officer of each garrison of a city, town or other place occupied by the commanding officer of each garrison of a city, town or other place occupied by their organizations.

Aside from these courts army and corps commanders will also detail a superior provost court for the districts occupied by army or corps troops. The maximum sentence which this court may impose is imprisonment for three months and a fine of 1,000 marks, or both, while the maximum penalty for an offense punishable by decision of the inferior court is imprisonment for three months and a fine of 1,000 marks, or both. No death sentence will be carried into execution until approved by the Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F.

Each provost court will keep a record showing the name of the offender the

der-in-Chief, A.E.F.
Each provost court will keep a record showing the name of the offender, the offense, the plea, the finding and the sentence in each case.

Weekly reports will be made cach Saturday and will be forwarded through channels to the Officer in Charge of Civil Affairs in Occupied Territory. In the office of the inter will be kept all records, reports, documents and papers of any kind relating to civil affairs in the occupied territory. No member of the A.E.F. or Allied forces will be tried by any military commission or provost court. ARMY S.P.C.A. ON WARPATH

The needs of all animals belonging to A.E.F. units must be cared for properly in future, according to Bulletin 104, G.H.Q. The bulletin explains that "scrious neglect or lack of knowledge of the care of animals on the part of responsible officers" has been indicated as a result of a recent inspection of livestock and that proper care must be taken in the future.

All animals will be fed three times aday, watered twice a day. An emlisted man will be detailed for each two-line team, and, when necessary, an additional man will be detailed for each two-line team.

The bulletin states that officers in charge of transportation will see that all animals are properly fed, watered and groomed before starting work in the movning and after work in the evening. Harness must be cleaned after work cach day. All animals found sick or line poor condition through overwork or lack of care will be given light work or exercise.

### SURPLUS NON-COMS CANNOT LOSE RANK **GREATLY CURTAILED**

Chains and Lugs Not to Be Q.M.C. Must Raise No Transfer to New Arm of Serivce Also Forbidden in G.O.

Surplus non-commissioned officers in combat outfits will not be reduced. They may be transferred to other organizations with their present rank, but not from one arm of the service to another. This is the substance of G.O. 228, just issued from G.H.Q.

Whenever there are non-commissioned officers in excess of the number authorized in the table or organization, unit commanders will submit, through military channels, a recommendation for their transfer. Regimental and separate battation commanders, authorized to effect transfers of enlisted men between units under their command, will transfer surplus soldiers swithout reduction in rank or grade to vacancies existing in other units of their commanding officer will submit a recommendation to higher authority for the transfer of the remaining surplus non-coms.

Commanding generals of divisions, of a corps of an army, or of the Service of Supply, after effecting all possible transfers within their respective commands, will transfer the remaining surplus under its order is authorized from one arm of the service of another.



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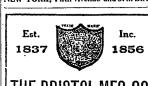
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Ordinarily privates or even non-commissioned officers flinch at throwing pies at their officers, or at doing hun-dreds of other innocent, joy-rousing stants, but "they do it in the movies." In fact, a half dozen members of the Photographic Division of the Signal Corps have written, directed and pro-duced a two-reel convey entitled "His Bat-tle Bonuss," under the direction of a ser-sornt who knows the business where it The film in its remodeled from will be shown throughout the A.E.F. It is a story but if the story were told now there would be no pleasure in anticipating it. The film will also be shown in the States.

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### 26th HAS PIVOTAL POINT IN ATTACK ON MARNE SALIENT

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Foret de Villers-Cotterets should be hammered in. This required the left of the division to attack northward and northeastward, pivoting on Bouresches and guiding on the 167th French Division, to its left, never getting ahead of the latter but swinging gradually to the northeast until the whole front to its left should have been straightened.

This accomplished, it would next be necessary for the right of the division to attack, half of it to the eastward and half of it to the northward, conquer the woods in front and then execute a half-turn to the northeast to bring itself in alignment with the general front. Then, and then only, a straight-away advance to the northeast would be in order. It was a problem for Yankee ingenuity to solve and, as usual, it was solved.

Out of Bois de Belleau

was obliged to fall back from the latter and to remain clinging only with the greatest difficulty to the railroad grade owing to the enflade fire from Hill 193. Here Captain Hosford's men, burrowing out fox holes along the grade, stayed all day, while many such acts of herolsan were performed as those of Mechanic J. A. Thiodeau, who atded the wounded under fire until a shot in the hand prevented him from carrying stretchers any longer, when he Johed the line and continued lighting until shot again in the leg.

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Three support hattalions of General Cole's brigade went through the front line without artillery preparation but every day and the covered by a neutralization fire from the batteries of the 101st Field Artillery, at 35 o'clock that morning; the 2nd Battalion of the 103rd Infantry charging northeast out of the Bois de Belleau and Givry and the 3rd Battalion of the 103rd on the left, also going north to take Deery and the railroad between them, and the 3rd Battalion of the 103rd on the left, also going north to take Deery and the railroad beyond.

A heavy morning mist favored the attack and the enemy—the CCIst Division of General von Bechn's VIHI German Army—was taken by surprise. At 5.40 a.m. a signal rocket thrown in from Torry announced to the American when the surprise and the control posts that Major Susthard's men were in the town, which, in fact, they immediately went beyond, taking the railroad grade and creek bank, where they consolidated their position. The center battalion, becoming confused in the darkness of the Bois de Belleau, had its attack delayed and dinot jump off until 7:30. But then, a thought had been the control of the con

nace, the Americans went through everything, cleaned up Belleau and then Givry in a sharp bayonet light which was over by \$130, and then, emulating the Union troops at Missionary Ridge, rushed on halfway up the slopes of Hill 193, north of Givry, before they could be stopped.

Enfiladed from Hill 193

This hill, however, was in the sector of the 197th French Division and though the advancing troops of the latter were called and the German machine gamers rececupied it, as from it they had a commanding enfliads fire westward along the from of the 167th Division and a still better fire southward on any position the Americans might take up along the creek valley or the hills east of it as far as Bourresches.

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schedule time, while Mapor Hanson's 1st Battalion of the 103rd Infantry leaving the Bols de Belleau and surmounting the same obstacles a little farther south rushed several machine gun nests, took some prisoners, guns and amanuliton and was firmly in possession of 1111 190 and in linson with the troops in the Bols de Bourésches by 6 p. m. But, unfortunately 'the 10fth French Division, in two gallant assaults, was unable to take Hill 193, and through the neight the German machine guns so swept the American left that the captors of Less Brusses Farm were isolated there.

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along the country road between. But at gray dawn they assuited, one battalion each of the 103rd and the 104th Infantry advancing on Epicels, two and emethalf battalions of the 102nd going emethalf battalions of the 102nd going for Trugay and two battalions of the 801st moving along the edge of the Bols Barbillon, about a kilometer south of Trugay, in an attempt to flank the villages.

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fencer on guard, had again jumped back.

Once more came the majestic forward sweep of the Allled battle front across the hills, the 26th following in its sector with the motorized 109th Machine Gun Battalion (divisional), in lieu of cavalry, leading the pursuit in the direction of the Juligonne-Fère-en-Tardenois highway, a good five and one-half kilometers northeast of the Bois de Trugny. Pushing through the central part of the Foret de Fere, the advance was held upjust west of the road early in the evening by machine gun fire coming from the clearing and the massively constructed buildings of La Croix Rouge Farm.

The flank divisions having also been stopped by opposition along the same line, the 26th waited for daylight to resume the push toward the Ource, but before that time the arrival of the 22nd United States Division by autobus permitted the weary 26th to be at last relieved. Leaving the 51st Artillery Brigade and the 101st Engineers to go on for a time with the fresh division, the 26th marched back to a rest area at Etrepilly, the command of the front sector passing from General Edwards to General Menoher at 7 p.m., July 25.

The division in its eight days of continuous battle had advanced a distance of 18½ kilometers, captured about 250 prisoners, four field pieces, numerous machine guns, one pontoon train, and quantities of ammunition. Its losses had been about 5,300 officers and men, of whom 600 were killed. The general commanding estimated that the permanent losses, including killed, missing and badly wounded or gassed, were about 2,000, many of the casualities being due to the fact that the division, after gaining its first objectives, had to wait during two days under severe fire for the forces to the left to come up to the line established at the pivot by "New England's Own."

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New Year's night did it—tore the lid right off the social season of the American Army of Occupation and flung it into the Rhine. And now they are having dances galore at Coblenz and in the bridgehead, together with such ultra-elite affairs as thes dansants.

The grand opening, on the night of January 1, was held at the officers' new club, the Casino, a funous old building at 12 Casino Strusse where in days gone by the super-fashiomables of Coblenz and vicinity were wont to gather.

The dance New Year's night, at which Maj, tion, Joseph T. Dickman was present, began at 8 in the lunge ball room. And, to fill the cup of happiness to the brim and beyond, there were a lot of real American gris present—Red Crossnurses, Y.M.C.A. canteen workers, Canadian nurses and others.

But the the dansant, held in the afternoon of New Year's Day, from 4 to 6, must be more than honorably mentioned. It was certainly the first the dansant in the history of the whole A.E.F. The ladies came at 4. At 6 there was supper, and from 8 that evening until 4 the following morning the genteel sermable for pariners was on. ble for partners was on.

### Generals, Colonels, Everybody

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For there were hundreds and hundreds of officers—generals, colonels, lieutenant colonels, undors and captains staff officers, and even a few lieutenants and flyers. Of the lieutenants there were certainly more in Cololerz and reinity than there were at the dance—considerably more. Why they did not appear in greater numbers is one of the mysteries of the evening. But there easily was only a sprinkling of them.

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### PLAN TO DELIVER THIRD LOAN BONDS

Personnel Officers to Compile Lists of Men Who Made Allotments

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In order to expedite the delivery of
Third Liberty Loan bonds as soon after
January 31 as possible, G.O. 255 has
been issued directing the course to be
followed. The order reads:
In order that the Third Liberty Loan
bonds purchased by allotment to the
Secretary of the Tensury may be delivered promptly after January 31, 1915,
personnel officers of all organizations
and detachments are directed to forward
to the Director of Finance, Pay of the
Army Division, Wishinston, D.C., on
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This list will be made out at the time
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General Dickman led the grand march at midnight. His partner was Miss Polly Ellis of New Orleans and Evacuation Hospital No. 6. Then came six other generals, and after them the high ranking staff officers, together with Canadian and French efficers, and more held and re-doubled on itself around the hall.

And there were refreshments, or, rather, there should have been refreshments. But when the salad was brought up and tasted before being placed upon the tables there was censternation. The salad hasted queerly, so queerly, indeed, that deep, dark suspicion instantly attached itself to the Germans who had helped prepare it. For a long time nothing could be made of their incoherent and vehement statements, but finally the mystery was explained. The saind habeen burut.

But this wasn't all. The punch tasted oddly, too; and when this mystery had been unraveled it was found that the slow-moving Teuton mind had not quite grasped the idea of how to make American punch, and had made a bot punch of it. So the refreshment part of the evening was spoiled. However, no one minded this—and at the end of their mand the Rhine, where the Marines hold other ladies who were invited were taken down in motor trucks. Incidentally, the American women in that section of the evening a superlative success.

The lid was surely off. The your extra the load was with an affair of their own at the swim with an affair of their own at the swim with an affair of their own at the

RETTER EAT IT NOW

Mess sergeants who don't let their men eat their cake now will find they won't be allowed to let them keep it when they get back to the States, for "company funds accruing from ration savings will, upon the dishanding of an organization, be converted into notes on the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of Miscellaneous Receipts, according to a recent meno from Washington. The memorandum continues:

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